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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMB EXPLOSION, NEW YORK
WORLD'S FAIR, JULY 4, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the several teletypes received from your office with reference to the explosion which occurred at the New York World's Fair on July 4, 1940. Particular reference is made to your teletype dated July 6, 1940, containing information relative to the time mechanism used to explode incident bomb.

The Bureau desires that discreet inquiries be made at the New York Police Department for the purpose of obtaining as complete information as possible relative to the type of bomb, the mechanism involved, and the explosives used.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. D. J. Scott
Fire Marshal
Parliament Buildings
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

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Dear Mr. Scott:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 5, 1940, in which you inquire concerning the type of explosive used in the bomb which was found at the British pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

The investigation of this explosion is being conducted by the Police Department of the City of New York. Inquiries are being made, however, by this Bureau and I should be pleased to forward to you the information you desire if it is available in the future.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Fezz
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W. J. SCOTT, K.C.
FIRE MARSHAL.

PLEASE ADDRESS
ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE FIRE MARSHAL

ONTARIO
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Toronto, July 5, 1940.

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Mr. Edward A. Tamm,
Assistant Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tamm:-

In to-day's newspaper there was an item dealing with the attempt to bomb the British pavilion at the New York World's Fair, and I presume that you will be having some connection with this sabotage attempt. If you get any information as to the type of explosive or other details of this bomb, I would be very much obliged if you pass these on to me.

With very kind personal regards, I am

Yours faithfully,

FIRE MARSHAL

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Candy

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

HHC:geg

July 4, 1940

Time: 4:48 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Acting SAC Donegan telephoned from New York. N.Y. A bomb was found in the British Building at the World's Fair. Three detectives were removing the bomb from the building, and when it was at a place to the rear of the Polish Building, the bomb exploded, killing one detective and injuring the other two. This had occurred within the previous fifteen minutes. Mr. Donegan was dispatching two Agents to the scene of the explosion immediately. The Director's Office and Mr. Moreland of the office of the Secretary of State were advised. No one was in the offices of ONI and G-2. Donegan was instructed to let the Bureau know of further developments.

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Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

cc-Mr. E. A. Tamm

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RE EXPLOSION BOMB FOUND IN BRITISH PAVILION WORLDS FAIR. EXPLOSIVES COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AT BUREAU OFFFICE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ENTIRE NY PD PLACED ON TWENTY FOUR HOUR DUTY AND ALL AVAILABLE MEN DETAILED TO PICK UP KNOWN RADICALS AND SUSPECTS FOR QUESTIONING AND [redacted] PLACING IN LINE UP SATURDAY AM. COMPLETE REPORT OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE BUT POLICE OFFICIALS WILL FURNISH COPY OF POLICE LABORATORY REPORT AND COPIES OF OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN AVAILABLE. AGENTS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH DETECTIVES IN CHARGE OF THIS INVESTIGATION AND WILL FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY. GROVER WHALEN, WORLDS FAIR OFFICIAL, HAD LENGTHY CONFERENCE WITH CAPTAIN HENRY FLATTERY IN CHARGE OF [redacted] INVESTIGATION IN WORLDS FAIR AREA AND PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BUILDINGS DISCUSSED.

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DIRECTOR

RE BOMBING OF BRITISH PAVILLION, WORLDS FAIR. SUPPLEMENTING MY TELETYPE OF LAST NIGHT, BOMB WAS FIRST SEEN IN NUMBER SEVEN FAN ROOM OF BRITISH PAVILLION LOCATED ON TOP FLOOR BY WILLIAM STRACHAM FOREMAN OF ELECTRICIAN AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY AM JULY THIRD. HE THOUGHT IT WAS LUGGAGE OR SMALL SUITCASE CONTAINING LUNCH OR SOMETHING OF ONE OF EMPLOYEES AND DID NOT EXAMINE IT. YESTERDAY AT APPROXIMATELY THREE PM WHILE PASSING THAT ROOM HE WENT IN OUT OF CURIOSITY TO SEE IF IT WAS STILL THERE, PICKED IT UP AND HEARD IT TICKING AND IT WAS RATHER HEAVY, SO HE NOTIFIED SYDNEY WOOD WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE UNIFORM ATTENDANTS OF THE BUILDING. WOOD IMMEDIATELY EXAMINED IT AND HEARD THE TICKING AND HE TOOK IT DOWN TO THE OFFICE OF MR. RAWLINGS THE FINANCE OFFICER OF THE BUILDING AND AFTER HE LISTENED TO IT HE TOLD WOODS TO TAKE IT OUTSIDE. WOOD TOOK IT OUT AND PLACED IT IN AN ALLEY BETWEEN BRITISH AND ITALIAN PAVILLIONS AND NOTIFIED THE NY POLICE WHO WERE ON DUTY THERE AT THE PAVILLION. DETECTIVE FRED MORLOCK WHO WAS ON DUTY AND LYNCH IMMEDIATELY TOOK THE BOMB FROM WHERE WOOD HAD LEFT IT IN THE ALLEY AND CARRIED IT ABOUT THREE HUNDRED ~~YARDS~~ YARDS FROM THE BRITISH BLDG TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FAIR. HE BLOCKED OFF THE ROAD AND PLACED A GUARD THERE AND NOTIFIED THE BOMB SQUAD. THE BOMB SQUAD ARRIVED, CONSISTING

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OF FERDINAND SOCHA AND JOSEPH LYNCH, WHO ARRIVED ABOUT FOUR FORTYFIVE PM AND WHILE EXAMINAING BOMB IT EXPLODED KILLING THESE TWO OFFICERS AND CRITICALLY WOUNDING WILLIAM FEDERER, MARTIN J SCHUCHMAN AND JOSEPH GALLAGHER WHO ARE IN THE FLUSHING HOSPITAL. THE FRAGMENTS OF THE BOMB AND OF THE CLOTHING WERE TAKEN BY BOMB SQUAD TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS FOR EXAMINATION. SOMETIME ABOUT NOON ON JULY SECOND A MRS. ROSSER TELEPHONE OPERATOR AT BRITISH PAVILLION RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL WHICH STATED THAT THEY HAD BETTER CLEAR THE BOX MEANING THE BRITISH PAVILLION AS IT WAS GOING TO BE BLOWN UP. THAT CAME IN ABOUT NOON JULY SECOND. WOOD AND HIS ~~ASSISTANCE~~ ASSISTANTS MADE A COMPLETE SEARCH OF THE BUILDING EVERY ROOM AND AT ABOUT ONE FIFTEEN PM JULY SECOND HE STATES HE WENT INTO THE FAN ROOM PERSONALLY AND SAW NOTHING THERE. THE BUILDING IS CLOSED AND LOCKED AT TEN PM AND OPENED AT EIGHT AM. PUBLIC IS NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO BUILDING UNTIL TEN AM. NOT KNOWN WHAT OTHER ATTENDANTS HAVE ACCESS TO FAN ROOM AND WHO WAS IN THERE, BUT THERE ARE AT LEAST FIVE ELECTRICIANS AND ENGINEERS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO THE ROOM IN ORDER TO WORK ON FAN. HOWEVER THERE IS NO REGULAR CHECK OF THE ROOM AND NO REGULAR INSPECTION AND THE ONLY TIME THEY ARE IN THERE IS WHEN THEY ARE IN THERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FIXING FAN OR ISPECTING IT. SO FAR NO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. THERE WERE TWO ATTENDANTS

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FIRED ON CANADA DAY AT FAIR PROBABLY MONDAY LAST. PETER MCNAB AND MR. THUNDER WERE ATTENDANTS WORKING UNDER WOOD AND THEY WERE FIRED FOR DRUNKENNESS ON CANADA DAY. THEY HOWEVER HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THE ROOM AND WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO BE IN THERE. THEY ARE AMERICAN BORN AS FAR AS IS KNOWN. O CIVILIANS INJURED. TWO MEN KILLED, THREE MEN IN HOSPITAL, UNIFORMED POLICEMAN OUTSIDE OF FENCE ALSO INJURED, NAME NOT KNOWN. ~~R~~ BOMB WAS IN A REGULAR CHEAP SUITCASE WHICH WEIGHED ABOUT TWENTY POUNDS WITH BOMB IN IT. DARK GRAY SUITCASE WITH THREE STRIPES ON EACH SIDE IN GOOD CODITION AND MIGHT HAVE BEEN TYPE THAT COULD BE BOUGHT IN ANY DRUGSTORE

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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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August 2, 1940

Honorable Lewis J. Valentine, Commissioner
New York City Police Department
240 Centre Street
New York, N. Y.

Attention: Lieutenant James Pyke

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPLOSION OF BOMB AT WORLD'S FAIR ON JULY 4, 1940.
EXPLOSIVES.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of an anonymous communication postmarked at Lawrence, New York, July 6, 1940, addressed to this Bureau's headquarters at Washington, D. C., in which communication there is set out information concerning the activities of Italian Fascists in New York.

It is noted that information contained in this communication may possibly be of some assistance to you in connection with your investigation of the fatal bombing at the World's Fair on July 4, 1940.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau

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A copy of the anonymous letter postmarked on July 6, 1940, was sent to the New York Office by the Bureau with its letter of July 25, 1940.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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July 6, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

At 8:10 P. M. on this date, Assistant SAC T. J. Donegan, New York City, telephonically advised that the New York Police Department had found a package approximately 8" x 6" x 1" in front of the British Pavilion at the World's Fair. The New York Police were of the opinion that this package contained a bomb, and therefore removed it to a place near the Polish Pavilion, where the bomb exploded on the Fourth of July. The area in which the bomb is now resting is properly enclosed.

The Police have not definitely determined whether or not the package contains a bomb.

Assistant SAC Donegan advised that he would have an Agent proceed to the scene immediately and obtain further details and would keep the Bureau advised.

Respectfully,

F. J. Smith

F. J. Smith

Addendum: At 8:50 P. M. on this date, Assistant SAC Donegan telephonically advised that the package has been opened by the Police Department and found to contain six handkerchiefs and three pairs of silk stockings.

Donegan also advised that a package was found at the doorway to the League of Nations Building at the World's Fair, and upon being opened, it was found to contain dirt and old rags.

Respectfully,

F. J. Smith

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Mrs. D. F. Strickland
1524 Dougherty Avenue
Mission, Texas

Dear Mrs. Strickland:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 6, 1940, and I sincerely appreciate your making the information contained therein available to me. You may be assured that this matter will receive appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Gentlemen:

In view of what occured at the British Pavillion in N.Y. I feel that I should tell you something I over heard in the Irish Pavillion at the Fair in N.Y. on my recent visit there -

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I over heard four people talking who were distinctly Irish. Their conversation was about the present conditions in Europe - & in their excitement they talked loud enough for me to hear that they were not loyal to England. One man (who I later found was the Irish custodian or

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historian of the exhibit) remarked that he hoped Hitler would wipe England off the face of the world. The others agreed that they hoped the same thing - I was so astonished that I raised my head to look at them - they saw my amazement and moved on. Three of them soon left the exhibit

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leaving one man of the party in the building. The three that left first, registered - and then in a few seconds the fourth one left alone. He spoke to the uniformed boy at the door as he left I was seized with a desire to see who the people were who could have such strange ideas and use

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in America. I looked at the register and saw that they were all registered from U.S. - N.Y. I believe they gave as their address.

I registered immediately after their names. This was on either Tuesday or Wednesday of May 21 and May 22nd of this year.

I asked the uniformed

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boy about the man who seemed to be the most bitter at England and the most outspoken. The boy replied that he was Historian of the Irish Pavillion and had learned a lot of History - That he had been in this country around 20 years. I asked if he was a College Proffesor and he said that

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he was not, that he was self-taught -

I do not care to harm any innocent people but they can bear investigation if they are innocent -

Sincerely yours.

Mrs D. F. Strickland -

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Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter received from Fr. Jackson, Jersey City, New Jersey, dated July 6, 1940, concerning Mr. and Mrs. Roman of 201 Claremont Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, who are reported to be pro-Nazi. It will also be noted that the informant indicates these individuals are suspects of the World's Fair bombing at New York, and also indicates that Mr. Roman is employed in a shipyard.

In view of the recent sabotage activities at the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company at Kearny, New Jersey, it is suggested that a preliminary investigation be conducted to determine if Roman is an employee of this shipyard and if he is engaged in any subversive activities.

No acknowledgment has been made to Fr. Jackson as no local address was given in the communication.

Very truly yours,

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Washington D. C.
Gentlemen

Repro. Nazzi and World's Fair Bombing suspect.

An investigation very essential on Mr + Mrs Roman Supt. of Bldg at 201 Claremont Ave. Jersey City N.J. he is also a Shipyard worker.

Yours truly
F. Jackson
Jersey City N.J.

No answer to correspondent - as no legal address.

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Mr. Arthur J. Birkmer
400 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Birkmer:

Your recent letter addressed to the President has been forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for appropriate attention.

I desire to express my appreciation for your interest in writing to the President as you did. You may be assured that the information furnished by you will be incorporated into the official records of this Bureau.

May I urge that you promptly report to Mr. D. E. Sackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City, any information coming to your attention with regard to the internal security of this country.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ARTHUR J. BIRKNER, PRES.

THE GOLD & SILVER SHOP, INC.
JEWELERS AND APPRAISERS
400 MADISON AVENUE
BET. 47TH & 48TH STREETS
NEW YORK CITY

11247

July 5, 1940

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
President of the United States
Dear Mr. President.

I suppose you heard of the explosion at the British Building at the World's Fair on July 4. where 2 policemen were killed and a score injured. If this bomb exploded in the building, probably a thousand would of been killed. This is nothing more than a 5th column job. There are 7000 of these in New York and the quicker they are put in a camp the better. They should be rounded up, before another explosion occurs.

Very Truly
Arthur J. Birkner

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Dear Sir
Edgar Hoover my mind cannot
rest. What I have noticed for the last
3 or 4 months in 1454 Townsend ave Bx
the Super is a German every time
hitler made victory they make a
celebration every single day three
brother in law come and it look
very suspicious every time one
comes with a big lump patched
up on his left cheek to make it look
like hospital treatments and
another brother in law with the
hand all Bandaged. on the second
of July the Wife's Brother came at
6 P.M. I watched he went in
with his car. in half an hour
another brother came with the
same car Licence no 7U-336 N.Y.
on the 3rd of July the Wife's brother
came at 6-30 P.M. he stayed about
till 10-30 and he went away and
on Thursday 5-A.M. I heard foot
steps I looked through my Window
he wore White Pants.

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I did did not like the way they
acted. When I heard about the
bomb at the World's Fair and it
came through my mind about the
goings on in the supers house.
since that happened those men
do not come by more.
Four weeks before this happened
I saw the supper walked out with
a brown bag about 15 inches long
6 inches square he walked down
the block at 2-30 he had the car park
on the next block the whole
gang was with him about 6-30
he came back with his wife
and the bag with out the car.

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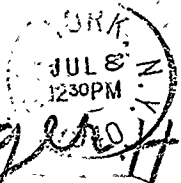

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G. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.
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Attention of the F.B.I. is called to Social Justice Magazine's fulmination against Britain as a possible incentive to I.R.A. hotheads to perpetrate the World's Fair bomb plot — etc etc etc.

Particularly the issue of July 1st Comment Page 5. Cols 1 & 2 11241

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"Unprecedented in history is the most recent effrontery to civilization on the part of Great Britain.

"May the just Hand of Almighty God strike down the unabashed [illegible] shameless and grateful disregarding [illegible] in all the annals of [illegible]

Was it ever satisfactorily [illegible]

(to the) Witness (who was found hanged) at the trial. Christian If not was a suicide or a VICTIM

Is an investigation "B.W." of Astoria, Long Island, one of your men or an agent for a Foreign Power.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir

Last week I happened to be in a saloon in Ridgewood Brooklyn & overheard a conversation in regard to a woman who was denouncing this country. I learned later that this woman was a dope fiend and that she was in the "narcotic" business. I also learned that she was getting a widows pension and the food that she was getting from relief she was selling it. Since then I have read in the

The one named Louise could be found by seeing the other. This one seems to know quite a good deal when a man drunk says she dopes them up.

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It seems that these
women are taking men
to there homes at nights
Now what I would
like to say is there may
be something in this
for you people if the
authorities would take
them in to custody
I happen to be a good
American

This woman by the name
of Janesch lives
in a house between Central
ave Evergreen Ave on
Stirling St in a yellow
painted flat

over

papers that there was
men supposed to be in
a "bombing" at the "worlds
fair" This same woman
had a lot to say about
this affair saying they
ought to have done it. I
found out that this one's
first name is ~~Lowise~~ LOWISE
so I decided to watch
her and another woman
The other woman went
in to a house on Linwood
St, Brooklyn, and I
found her name to be
Florence ~~Janesch~~ FLORENCE JANESCH and
she was married to a
man working nights.

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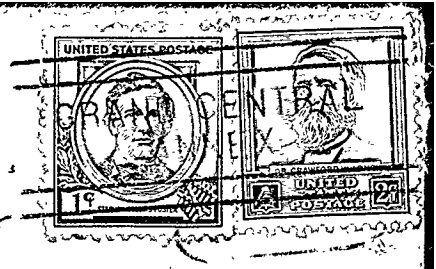

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Mr. Julius Barone
46 West Central Boulevard
Palisades Park, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Barone:

Your recent letter addressed to the President has been referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for appropriate attention.

I wish to express my appreciation for the patriotic interest manifested by you in writing to the President as you did. You may be assured that the information furnished by you will be incorporated into the official records of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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46 West Central Blvd
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Mr. President

I think it is a shame when honest people have to be killed because we have the Nazi, Fascist, Communists and other unAmerican organizations in this wonderful country. I am of Italian descent, but I'd rather be an American than an Italian. I think we ought to take steps to do away with these organizations. If they feel that they would like to be a Nazi, Fascist or a Communists they should be sent back to Germany

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Italy and Russia. I feel that in writing this letter that I am not only speaking for myself but also for the real Americans in this country. I hope America will take immediate steps to do away with these organizations soon for they are a real menace to this country.

Yours truly

Julius Barone

JULIUS BARONE

quently used by women for week-end visits—standing for several hours in the rear of the building.

City police were called and detectives were assigned to remove the suitcase. They were carrying it from the British Pavilion along Fr[illegible] St., a service road in the Fair grounds, when the bomb exploded.

Detectives Lynch and Socha were mangled. They died almost instantly.

Detective William Federer of the 110-A Station on the Fair Grounds and Patrolman Vyscosil of the 109th Precinct were seriously injured. Detective Morelock was also hurt.

Just before the explosion, Capt. John McLaughlin of the World's Fair Police was talking to Chief

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The French Admiralty immediately ordered all French warships on the high seas to stop British merchantmen and to fire in the event of any new aggression.

BRITISH

London, July 4 (AP).—The Air Ministry's communique tonight said:

Enemy aircraft today approached the Channel coast. At Portland a naval auxiliary tug was hit and set on fire. One small tug and a lighter were sunk. Some damage was caused to buildings and there were a few civilian casualties.

Another raid penetrated into the southwestern counties. Bombs were dropped, but no military objectives were hit and no casualties have been reported.

Anti-aircraft guns opened fire

hand, the enemy admits the loss of only 12 aircraft, whereas the RAF have in fact destroyed 40.

Cairo, July 4 (AP).—The following communique was issued by the British Command here today:

In the Western Desert the enemy advanced yesterday against Sollum, but subsequently withdrew. On the Kenya front Tuesday the enemy, supported by artillery, made three unsuccessful assaults on Moyale, where our casualties were slight. Other fronts: nothing to report.

Enemy aircraft raided Alexandria at 7:45 A. M. and 8:45 A. M. today. About 32 bombs were dropped, only slight damage being caused. One bomb fell on the King's estate.

Casualties caused by splinters

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rushed to rescue the injured. They saw British Spitfire fighters engage German bombers over the sea.

The Germans scored a direct hit on the auxiliary vessel.

"I saw several running battles in the air," said one witness, "and one of the attackers disappeared

the decks of a warship. exploded on the warship the Germans turned their us. We all escaped."

Portland, and Weymouth miles away, are the headq

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WAR

GENEVA

Italian fleet to aid French

BUCHAREST

Goering pal heads Cabinet

LONDON

French fleet as big as at war's start

NEW YORK AND VICINITY

Pickup's a stickup; gun-girl held.

Nab Bund chief's in N. J.

City has safe, sane Fourth.

Average net paid circulation for June exceeded

Daily - - - 1,950,000

Sunday - - 3,500,000

The Largest Daily and Sunday Circulation in America.

UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Insist F. D. R. run to save party

HYDE PARK

F. D. R. gives library to U. S.

SPORTS

Dodgers win two, 5-1, 6-1

Yanks down Sox, 12-4 and 7-3.

Yanks win opener, 12-4

Level Best Empire victor

Reds beat Pirates, 9-1

Free French Radio

Wiesbaden, July 4 (AP).—The German-French armistice commission agreed today that the French might resume broadcasts by stations within the unoccupied area of France. The French Government is to take full responsibility for whatever may be broadcast. There will be no German censorship.

DAILY ALMANAC

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1940

(Eastern Standard Time)

LOCAL—Fair.

EASTERN NEW YORK STATE—Fair and warmer today and tomorrow.

THE MOON

July 5-11	New
July 12-18	First Q
July 19-26	Full
July 27-Aug. 2	Last Q.

THE NEWS BAROMETER

FAIR, SHOWERS, CLOUDY, RAIN

Sunrise, 5:30 A. M.; sunset, 8:30, P. M. Moon rises, 5:51 A. M.: sets, 8:26 P. M. Morning star, Venus; evening star, Mars.

TEMPERATURES IN NEW YORK

MAXIMUM, 6:00 P. M. 70

MINIMUM, 8:00 A. M. 57

Highest this date, 98 in 1919

Lowest this date, 56.6 in 1933

1 a. m.	60	8 a. m.	57	3 p. m.	64
2 a. m.	59	9 a. m.	58	4 p. m.	66
3 a. m.	58	10 a. m.	60	4:45 p. m.	69
4 a. m.	59	11 a. m.	61	5 p. m.	67
5 a. m.	59	Noon	62	6 p. m.	70
6 a. m.	58	1 p. m.	64	7 p. m.	70
7 a. m.	59	2 p. m.	65	8 p. m.	—

For twenty-four hours ended at 5 P. M.: July 4.

Mean temperature, 63; normal, 73; deficiency since Jan. 1, 394 degrees; deficiency since July 1, 28 degrees.

Precipitation .64 inch; excess since Jan. 1, 4.21 inches; excess since July 1, .14 inch.

	5 A. M.	5 P. M.
Barometer	29.97	30.03
Humidity	95	66
Wind—direction	NE	N
Wind—velocity	10	9

TIME OF TIDES

	Sandy Hook A.M.	Sandy Hook P.M.	Gov. Is. A.M.	Gov. Is. P.M.
High water	8:28	8:38	9:03	9:10
Low water	2:37	2:33	3:18	3:15

RECORDS IN AMERICAN C[illegible]

Observations at United State[illegible]

Bureau stations taken at 8:30 A[illegible]

Cities	Temperature Last 24 Hrs. High	Low	Bar.	Precipi[illegible] Last
Albany	75	56	30.05	[illegible]
Atlanta	75	65	30.01	2.[illegible]
Bismarck	86	67	30.05	—
Boston	74	56	29.99	1.4[illegible]
Buffalo	72	47	30.14	—
Chicago	72	42	30.28	—
Cincinnati	79	50	30.21	[illegible]
Dallas	79	69	30.10	2.1[illegible]
Denver	81	55	30.37	—
El Paso	90	70	29.99	—
Kansas City	79	56	30.26	—
Miami	90	71	30.03	1.8[illegible]
Minneapolis	82	59	30.21	—
New York	75	57	30.00	.6[illegible]
Philadelphia	78	57	30.05	.4[illegible]
Portland, Me.	72	48	30.05	.9[illegible]
St. Louis	81	52	30.25	—
Salt Lake City	93	63	29.90	—
Seattle	75	52	30.10	—
Wash'ton, D. C.	75	58	30.09	1.8[illegible]

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1940 JULY

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July 26, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

For your information, there are being transmitted herewith copies of numerous letters, several of which are anonymous, which were recently received at the Bureau in connection with the bombing at the New York World's Fair. The letters bearing a signature and return address have been acknowledged by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE

Bombing - Unknown Fair

F.B.I.
Wash.D.C.

Gentlemen:

By all accounts the New York police are looking for Reds, Nazis, etc. as perpetraters of the bombing of the British Building at the New York Fair.

Seems to me that the job has all the ear marks of an I.R.A. (Irish Republican Army) outrage. Should be easy to check up on the arrival or presence in the Eastern U.S. of members of that outlawed organization.

I have no contact with any such; am merely putting two and two together from what has occurred in England during the past few years of similar nature; that is bombings of public places.

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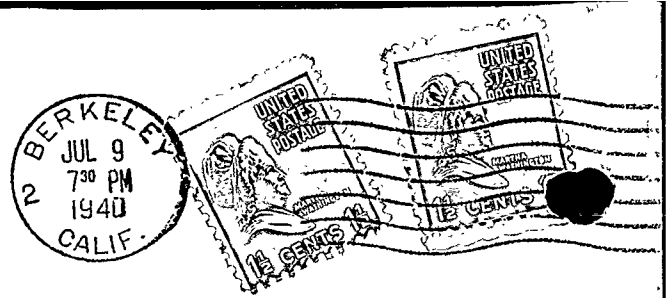

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Mr. William Lundell
The Ambassador
New York, New York

Dear Bill:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 8, 1940, relative to Peter Steindl, an employee of the Ambassador.

I sincerely appreciate your patriotic interest in furnishing this information to me and your kind offer to cooperate in this matter. I have instructed that a Special Agent of the New York Field Division of this Bureau interview you for any additional information you may desire to furnish in connection with this matter.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT
J. C. THORNE AND J. J. ATKINSON

The Ambassador

PARK AVENUE
51ST TO 52ND STREETS
NEW YORK

CABLE AND RADIO REGISTRATION
"AMBASSADOR NEW YORK"

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July 8, 1940

Mr J Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr Hoover -

I had not thought during our broadcast from the Department some years ago when we told the people of America to remember your National telephone number that I would use it in this way- but here it is.

I have reason to believe that an employee of this hotel warrants attention. On Saturday the New York City police questioned him in connection with the bombing in the British Pavillion. His name is Peter Steindl of 3215 - 41st Street, Long Island City. We have reason also to believe that he was interested in Espionage in the first World War , is a member of the Bund and an agitator- "Fifth Column" etc.etc.

We will cooperate fully.

Cordially,

Bill

William Lundell
Public Relations Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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HHC:geg

July 4, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Moreland, State Department, telephoned, advising that Mr. Julius Holmes, connected with the New York World's Fair and formerly employed by the State Department, had telephoned him relative to the bomb explosion at the World's Fair. He stated that an electrician found a suitcase containing the bomb in a fan room on top of the British Building on the Fair grounds. If the bomb had exploded there, it would not have caused a great deal of damage. Two officers were killed, and two were injured. It is noteworthy, Mr. Moreland stated, that the British and Italian Buildings are adjacent. He stated that the New York police seemed to be covering a great deal of ground, but he did not know how well. Mr. Holmes had suggested that the FBI get on the case, although the New York police might not desire to work with the FBI. He stated that the explosion made quite a mess, even shattering grass for twenty or thirty feet around. I informed Mr. Moreland that Agents of the Bureau were dispatched immediately to the Fair grounds to look into the matter just as soon as notice was received of the explosion.

Assistant SAC Donegan subsequently advised that the electrician, according to rumor, saw the valise containing the bomb at 9:00 A. M. Wednesday. He waited until today, however, to call it to the attention of Mr. Woods of the Fair, and Mr. Woods and one of the New York detectives assigned to the Fair moved the valise out of the building to a space behind the Polish Building. They then cleared the area and telephoned the New York City Bomb Squad. The Squad arrived a bit later. The bomb was in a gray valise, and it could be heard ticking. Two members of the Bomb Squad started to cut into the valise, and while doing so, it exploded, blowing the two men to bits. Three New York detectives nearby were injured, two critically. The fragments of the bomb had been taken to police headquarters at the Fair grounds.

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JUL 17 1940
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

An Agent is on the grounds as an observer [illegible] keep informed as to what progress is being made. Due to the lack of Federal violation, the Agents are not attempting to take charge of the investigation, but will undertake to keep informed.

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I told Donegan of the report that the New York police were not disposed in a friendly way toward assistance from the Bureau, and he stated that he knew of no overt incident in connection with this case, but that an Agent was present. I told him that the State Department was interested in the Bureau's keeping itself informed about this entire situation.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

cc-Mr. E. A. Tamm

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Detectives said that the materials found in the "bomb," and especially clock's serial numbers, may lead to the arrest of the Fair bombers.

Why don't they check up on
Kenneth X Roberts
17 West 67 St
N. Y. City

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

For your information, there are being transmitted herewith copies of an anonymous communication postmarked at Lawrence, New York, July 6, 1940, concerning the activities of Italian Fascists in New York.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 8 1940
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Gentlemen:

The recent tragedy at the N.Y. World's Fair in which two police officers lost their life and many others were injured and may die later or remain maimed should be the concern of every American Citizen to give every possible information to your department which may lead to some clue resulting in the arrest and punishment of the perpetrator or perpetrators of such a crime. I am opposed to anonimous letter writing, but knowing how easily such letters sometime find their way to local authorities who sometimes resent such letters and brand them as interference and either do nothing about the matter reported or let the information leak out so as to reach the parties concerned, often with dire results, I am compelled to withold my identity.

Recent events which resulted in a declaration of War by Italy against Britain and France have awakened activities in this country with the groups once called "The Fascist Federation of North America", later changed to "THE LICTORS" because of a threatende Congressional Investigation and in New York State now under the name of "The Columbia League", with a feeling of hatred toward England and France, now concentrated against Britain since France's capitulation. This feeling of hatred has been greatly aggravated by the Recent speech of President Roosevelt, so called "DAGGER SPEECH." Therefore, there is a very strong possibility that members of the above mentioned groups may have resorted to give vent to their feelings through wanting to bomb the British building at the World's Fair but which failed through unforseen circumstances.

In Nassau County, at Inwood, Lawrence and other long Island villages with large Italian centers the above mentioned groups have been very active. During the Athyopian War they raised large sums of money to send to the Italian War Chest. One of the members of the mentioned groups was employed at the Italian Building in the world's fair, his name is ANDREW CAIAZZO. He lives with a family by the name of Duboise, I believe on Bayview Avenue, Inwood, L.I.- during prohibition he was arrested for violating the Volstead act. He palls with one Rocco Chiusano, also a former boot legger and a Fascist, who lives on Mott Avenue in Inwood, L.I., also once arrested for violating the Volstead act. The following, all members of the Fascist group were reported by a world war veteran as having enter into the U.S. unlawfully on Oct. 7th 1937. They were arrested and ordere deported but by some trick they only went to Canada and through some mann returned and most of them are still around here, somewhere on L.I., possi in Inwood, L.I.:

Giro Christiano- 213 Spring Street, Lawrence, L.I.
Saverio Scotto- 48 Lawrence Avenue, Inwood, L.I.
Gennaro Visciano-- Zavatt Street, Inwood, L.I.
Ciro Russo- 315 Wanser Ave., Inwood, L.I.
Antonio Cirillo- Henry St & Maiden Lane, Inwood, L.I.
Luigi Noto- Walcott Ave., Inwood, L.I.
Ralph Cirillo, Maiden Lane and Henry St., Inwood, L.I.
Andrea Longobardo- Wahl Avenue, Inwood, L.I.

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Antonio Brancucci- Redfern Avenue, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
Pasquale Alfano, 1112 Mott Ave., Inwood, L.I.
This man has been very active in Fascism and has been on the relief loll for sometime past, I understamd.
Ciro Pannariello, 38 West End Ave., Inwood, L.I.
Armado Orancino, Morgan Street, Inwood, L.I.
Lorenzo Battaglieri, 24 Pearl St, Inwood, L.I.

The one who reported these men as being unlawfully in this country Domenick Ferrante, a world war veteran and at that time living at 5 Cedarhurst Ave., Cedarhurst, N.Y. It would be interesting to find o why these men's deportation was not carried out or why it is so eas to go to Canada and return after a deportation sentence has been pa

This information is given to you in the hope that it may lead to so possible clue. I have no axe to grind, but if there is a fifth colu there is no reason why I cant become a part of a sixth column for A interests.

An interested citizen.

Please let Mr. Hoover read this letter if possible.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Attention of
Mr. Hoover.

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August 1, 1940

Mr. Angelo Horsuto
1595 Andrews Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Horsuto:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter received at this Bureau on July 12, 1940, with reference to the bomb explosion which occurred at the New York World's Fair.

Should you obtain any further information concerning this matter which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate with Mr. D. E. Sackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc New York City (copies of incoming letter forwarded to New York Office with cover letter of July 26, 1940)

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Angelo Morsut
1895 Andrews Ave
N.Y.C.
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Gentlemen

Upon investigating the bomb plotters throughout the country do not fail to investigate all Britishers as well as others who in my opinion were the plotters at the World fair of July 4 Bombing

I have very good reasons for my opinion for Britain has been our life long enemy and because Britain has been successful in get us into the war

I realize that this is asking the impossible but if you love your country you will try it.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Letter to Sec. Navy York 7-26-40 WCH.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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July 17, 1940.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a form questionnaire which was turned over to this office by Confidential Informant [redacted]. It is noted that this questionnaire bears the names of KATHARINE MURDOCH and THERESA KOLDIN and that it appears that KATHARINE MURDOCH resides at 61 West Ninth St., New York City. b7D

With the questionnaire, Confidential Informant sent a note, the contents of which are quoted below:

" I enclose herewith:-

(a) The questionnaire I spoke to you about a few days ago; and
(b) A couple of anonymous cards from one of our admirers in Flushing. These I am handing to you with the remote possibility that they may be connected with the affair at the British Pavilion. "

It is noted that this questionnaire purports to be a study of "Social Change of Opinion", the general tenor of the questionnaire apparently being to determine the change in opinion among American people as between their opinions prior to April 1, 1940 (before Germany invaded Norway) and their opinions today. No copy of this questionnaire is being retained in the New York Office file.

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Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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This document is being handed out to Communist, Left, and liberal organizations. The idea is to get "sympathizers" to fill them in, and then make public the result, which would, because of the nature of the people to whom the documents are distributed, indicate a definitely defeatist idea, and a determination to prevent American intervention in the struggle.

This was handed to "source" at a meeting of a decidedly liberal, working-class, isolationist organization, one which is particularly active in the "Keep America out of War" fold.

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Katharine Murdoch and Theresa Koldin

QUESTIONNAIRE

Date Locality

Age

Sex

Occupation

Organization through which you receive this blank (optional)

Will you cooperate in this study of Social Change of Opinion by answering the following questions?

Each question is to be answered twice, (1) How you felt about it on April 1st, 1940 (before Germany invaded Norway) and (2) How you feel about it today.

After each question 5 possible answers are given. Please put a circle around the letter preceding the answer which represented your attitude on April 1st and a line under the letter preceding the answer which represents your present attitude. If you have not changed your opinion you will, of course, mark the same answer with both a circle and an underlining.

If none of the answers exactly represents your opinion, please choose in each case the one most nearly in harmony with your belief.

1. Did you (on April 1st) and do you (now) believe the Allies will win the present war in Europe?
   a. Practically certain they will.
   b. Think it is probable they will.
   c. Think the chances are 50 - 50.
   d. Believe the Allies will probably be beaten.
   e. Feel practically certain the Allies will be beaten.

2. Did and do you believe that the war will last?
   a. Not more than 3 months more.
   b. About one year more.
   c. Between 1 - 3 years more.
   d. From 3 - 10 years more.
   e. Over 10 years.

3. Did and do you believe that the independence or territorial integrity of the United States would be menaced if Germany wins the war in Europe?
   a. Not in the remotest way.
   b. Only to the extent of making it difficult to uphold the Monroe Doctrine.
   c. By making it impossible to uphold the Monroe Doctrine but not by menacing the United States or any of its possessions.
   d. Yes, I think Hawaii, Alaska or the Phillipines might be threatened, but not the mainland of the United States.
   e. I believe the security of even our own 48 states would be threatened.

4. Did and do you believe that we should help the Allies?
   a. No, we should retain the strictest neutrality with an embargo on war material and even repeal the neutrality act which allows us to sell airplanes and munitions to the Allies.
   b. We should continue as at present selling planes and munitions to the Allies.
   c. We should be prepared to offer credit to the Allies if they need it.
   d. We should help the Allies in every way possible short of sending our men overseas.
   e. We should declare war on Germany now.

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5. In case you favor help to the Allies, were and are your reasons for desiring it practical or idealistic or both?
   a. Purely practical, as the best and cheapest method of providing security for our own country.
   b. Mainly practical as above, but partly because I believe the Allies are championing the cause of Right against Wrong.
   c. Reasons for desiring to help the Allies about equally mixed between the practical desire of obtaining the cheapest possible security for the United States and the more idealistic desire of aiding the cause of Humanity and of Right against Wrong.
   d. Main reason the Allies should be helped is because their cause is Right.
   e. We should help the Allies solely from idealistic motives, because their cause is Right.

6. Did and do you approve of the United States spending billions of dollars for defense?
   a. Disapprove highly of such expenditures.
   b. Disapprove mildly of these expenditures.
   c. Believe these expenditures are necessary.
   d. Think they are inadequate.
   e. Think they should be far greater than any hitherto proposed.

7. What effect had and has the present world situation on your attitude towards religion?
   a. Great increase in amount and intensity of religious emotion and thought.
   b. Slight increase.
   c. No effect.
   d. Slight increase in atheism and/or nihilism (the doctrine which denies any objective ground of moral principles).
   e. Great increase in atheism and/or nihilism.

8. What did and do you think is the danger of the "Fifth Column" menace to our country?
   a. Extremely grave.
   b. Very serious.
   c. Serious but not alarming.
   d. Slight -- over exaggerated by most persons.
   e. Non-existent.

9. What did and do you think of the relationship of Communism and Nazi-Fascism to each other in the United States?
   a. Their aims, doctrines and propaganda are all diametrically opposed to one another.
   b. They are widely different in aims, etc.
   c. Fairly different.
   d. Very similar in aim and methods.
   e. Practically identical in aim and they work together in their propaganda.

10. What were and are your feelings about the upholding of civil liberties in the United States?
   a. They should be more stringently safeguarded than they are at present.
   b. They should be as stringently upheld as they generally have been in our country.
   c. In striving to uphold our civil liberties we should exercise great care to insure against foreign paid propaganda.
   d. We should restrict civil liberties somewhat in order to curtail subversive tendencies.
   e. Because of the urgency of the present crisis we should outlaw the Communist Party, suppress all Nazi-Fascist organizations and take the strictest measures possible to curtail all movements opposed to our democracy.

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Please answer the following questions by underlining

1. What political party did you favor in 1936?
   Democratic - Republican - American Labor Party - Socialist - Communist - Other

2. What political party do you favor now?
   Democratic - Republican - American Labor Party - Socialist - Communist - Other

3. Approximately how many minutes per day did you listen to news announcers and commentators over the radio?
   a. About April 1? none; 0-15; 15-30; 30-60; 60-120; over 120
   b. during the crisis of the Flanders battle? (last 2 weeks in May, 1940?) none; 0-15; 15-30; 30-60; 60-120; over 120

4. Approximately how much time in minutes per day did you spend in reading about the war and related problems?
   a. About April 1? none; 0-15; 15-30; 30-60; 60-120; over 120
   b. during the crisis of the Flanders battle? none; 0-15; 15-30; 30-60; 60-120; over 120

5. About how much time did you spend talking about the war and related problems in minutes per day?
   a. About April 1? none; 0-15; 15-30; 30-60; 60-120; over 120
   b. during the crisis of the Flanders battle? none; 0-15; 15-30; 30-60; 60-120; over 120.

6. Were your normal habits of eating and sleeping interfered with by that crisis?
   Not at all; slightly; greatly

7. Religious preference:
   Protestant; Catholic; Jewish; Other

8. World War:
   Are you a veteran? Close relative to former soldier of that war?

9. Married; Unmarried; Widowed; Divorced.

10. Have you children? Yes No

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If this completed blank is not collected by the person who gave it to you (or his representative), please mail it to:

Dr. Katharine Murdoch

61 West Ninth St.

New York, N. Y.

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FBI NEW YORK CITY JULY FOURTH NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT THIRTY FIVE PM VA

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DIRECTOR

RE EXPLOSION BOMB FOUND IN BRITISH PAVILION WORLDS FAIR SABOTAGE. SUPPLEMENTING PREVIOUS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CLEGG INFORMATION DISCLOSES THAT EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY TIME BOMB WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE FAN ROOM WHICH IS A TYPE OF WORK ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF BRITISH PAVILION. BOMB WAS IN A SMALL GRIP DARK GRAY WITH STRIPES TYPE OF VALISE SOLD IN DRUGSTORES DIMENSIONS TWELVE BY EIGHTEEN BY SIX. OPINION OF POLICE THAT TIME BOMB WAS ELECTRICALLY OPERATED AND TICKING NOISE WAS APPARENT BEFORE IT EXPLODED. BOMB WAS CALLED TO ATTENTION OF PRIVATE OFFICER WOOD EM- ~~D49633~~ 3 ~~XXXXXX~~ EMPLOYED BY BRITISH PAVILION BY AN ELECTRICIAN AT THREE PM TODAY. THIS ELECTRICIAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE STATED THAT HE SAW THIS SAME VALISE IN THE FAN ROOM YESTERDAY MORNING BUT PAID NO ATTENTION TO IT. OFFICER WOOD CONTACTED DETECTIVE FRED MORLOCK NY PD WHO WAS STATIONED AT BRITISH PAVILION ON GUARD DUTY AND THESE TWO OFFICERS REMOVED BOMB TO OPEN SPACE IN ROAD WAY IN BACK OF POLISH BUILDING ADJOURNING THE NORTH CORNER OF FLUSHING SIDE OF THE FENCE SURROUNDING THE WORLDS FAIR. THIS AREA WAS CLEARED BY THE OFFICERS

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AND THE BOMB SQUAD NY PD WAS CALLED. OFFICERS FERDINAND SOCHA AND JOSEPH LYNCH OF BOMB SQUAD WERE EXAMINING BOMB AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN PM THIS AFTERNOON AND WERE CUTTING INTO A CORNER OF VALISE FOR PURPOSE OF FURTHER EXAMINING CONTENTS. THEY HAD CUT INTO WOOD AND CARDBOARD WHEN THE BOMB EXPLODED. DURING THIS EXAMINATION IT WAS TICKING. BOTH OF THESE OFFICERS WERE KILLED THEIR BODIES BEING BLOWN TO BITS. DETECTIVES WILLIAM FEDERER AND JOSEPH GALLAGHER OF BOMB SQUAD WHO WERE STANDING IN THE VICINITY WERE CRITICALLY INJURED. DETECTIVE MARTIN SUCHMAN WAS ALSO INJURED. THE BOMB DUG A HOLE IN THE GROUND APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET WIDE AND ONE ONE-HALF FEET DEEP. FRAGMENTS OF EXPLODED BOMB ARE PRESENTLY AT THE WORLDS FAIR STATION OF NY PD AND WILL BE REMOVED LATER TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS NYC FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION BY BOMB SQUAD. AGENT IS AT WORLDS FAIR STATION OF NY PD FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE. ELECTRICIAN WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SEEN THE VALISE CONTAINING THE BOMB IN FAN ROOM IN BRITISH PAVILION YESTERDAY IS BEING BROUGHT TO WORLDS FAIR STATION NY PD FOR QUESTIONING AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF THIS QUESTIONING AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

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KEEP ENVELOPE

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J.E.H.

If you investigate the Young Isreil Inc. of N.Y.C. You may find out something about the Bombings. There is a good squad in this out fite may be unkown to the leaders.

This is an off shoot of the Young Zionist of Palistine. And seem to be more or less connected with the Communists.

This is a good tip..

A.J. *****

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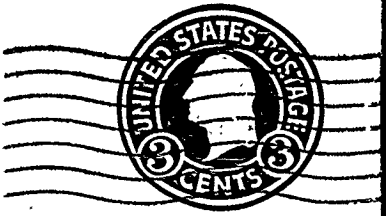

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July 18, 1940

Hon. Lewis J. Valentine, Commissioner
New York City Police Department
240 Center Street
New York, N. Y.

Re: BOMBING OF BRITISH PAVILION,
NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR,
JULY 4, 1940; EXPLOSIVES.

Attention of Lieutenant James Pike, Bomb Squad.

Gentlemen:

For your information, I am quoting below the contents of a letter addressed to this office by William C. Wilcox, whose address is not set out in his letter. This letter was sent to this office in an envelope postmarked Rochester, New York, July 12, 1940.

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Dear Sir:

I know positively that on the day of the explosion in the fair grounds that a man who is known to me as a German spy was in New York City and was much in evidence about Central Park West and Columbus Circle. This man was arrested by federal authorities during the World War in 1916 in Philadelphia and in 1918 in an up state city. He is a large man 6 ft. tall and must weigh all of 275 lbs. or more. He wore a brown suit and black felt hat, black low shoes and is smooth shaven. He posed as a man out of work but was known to have stayed at Kenmore hall on 23d near Lexington Ave. the night of July 4th. He carried a large brown bag and was known to have some money while in the Kenmore Hall. I know this man personally and know he was arrested twice during the World War for espionage. Despite the fact he does no known work he travels a lot and always has plenty of money to spend. He is known as being in sympathy with the Nazis. He left New York City on July 5th by bus from the station at the Dixie Hotel. He was seen in Union Square talking to a man whom I believe to be a postal inspector. He told me he had been to see

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" the fair and had been in the British Empire building for quite some time. Myself and others have been suspicious of this man for some time as he appears to be too well supplied with money for one out of work. He is known to have two very different names and some years ago lived in Philadelphia. He always carries at least one automatic revolver and sometimes believed to have two on him. I know he was arrested twice for espionage during the 1916-18 World War and he was then known as a German spy. He left New York City hurriedly July 5th. I was to have met him at 34th St. and 8th Ave. that morning but he did not come there so I went to Kenmore Hall where I know he stopped the night of July 4th. They told me he had left early that morning and had inquired concerning the bus station. Had seemed in quite a hurry. He had made some inquiries concerning the bus route going to western New York state. I had no trouble finding those he had talked with as his huge size made him easily remembered. I am seriously under the impression he is concerned in this bomb outrage or knows something about it. I mentioned the bomb explosion at the fair grounds and he said it was a dam shame it had not killed every John Bull on the grounds. I am firm in my belief this man is an under cover man for the Nazis. He speaks German like a native of that country also Jewish, Greek and Spanish, and also speaks English without accent. I believe the meeting between this man and the one whom I thought to be a postal inspector was on June 20th although that might not be the date. It appears that these two had met in Chicago some time before but were only chance acquaintances. The other man was stopping at either the Martinique or McAlpin Hotels on 34th and 33d Sts. I believe. I give you this information as it is my desire to aid you if possible in this case. The large brown bag this man carried appeared to be quite a heavy one.

Yours truly,

/s/ William C. Wilcox "

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau
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July 19, 1940

Hon. Lewis J. Valentine, Commissioner
New York City Police Department
240 Center Street
New York, N. Y.

Re: BOMBING OF BRITISH PAVILION,
NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR,
JULY 4, 1940; EXPLOSIVES.

Attention: Lieutenant James Pike, Bomb Squad.

Gentlemen:

I am quoting below the contents of a letter dated July 6, 1940, addressed to this office by Harry Wilhelm in an envelope postmarked July 9, 1940, at New York, N. Y. However, Wilhelm's address is not set out in his letter.

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New York
July 6, 1940

Gentlemen:

During the last war there was a druggist by the name of Scheele who resided at Cypress Ave. & Harman St. in Ridgewood Queens who was arrested with his wife for putting bombs on ships.

Why not look up your records and try to locate this man as he may be implicated in the World's Fair bombing.

Very truly yours

/s/ Harry Wilhelm

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For your information, this office's records contain no record of anyone with the surname of Scheele.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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Attention: Lieutenant James Pike, Bomb Squad.

Gentlemen:

I am quoting below the contents of an anonymous undated letter which was received in this office on July 16, 1940:

" Dear Sirs:

After much thought have decided to hand in the name of Walter Bonits 120 Monroe St. Brooklyn. Like Hitler he too is a painter and paper hanger only a good one. For a long time he has bragged at right time our canals, forts and bridges will be blown up. He has been here 15 or 16 years, took out his first papers about 13 years ago, but the heck with this country. He has always had a job, free rent and free education for his child. The fellows that work with him are afraid to open their mouths. Like them I will just sign -

A worried American. "

For your information, this office's files contain no record of anyone by the name of Walter Bonits. We do have a record of one Walter Bonits in an old wartime investigation in 1918. However, there is no indication that this person is identical with Walter Bonits.

It is assumed that the information regarding Walter Bonits may possibly be of interest to you in connection with your investigation of the bombing at the New York World's Fair on July 4, 1940.

Very truly yours,

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B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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July 11, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Bomb Explosion World Fair.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated July 5, 1940, regarding the following:

JOHN STRASSER.

In reply thereto, please be advised that from the information furnished it has not been possible to locate any record in the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, N.Y.

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July 5, 1940

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
BOMB EXPLOSION WORLD FAIR

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
JOHN STRASSER	NYC PD Indecent entertainment.	1927	
JOHN STRASSER	Welfare Island 30 days Indecent entertainment.	1927	

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Very truly yours,

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607 United States Court House
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July 19, 1940

Mr. Frederic G. Bloesch
4525 Broadway
Union City, New Jersey

Re: BOMBING OF BRITISH PAVILION,
NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR,
JULY 4, 1940; EXPLOSIVES.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 11, 1940, wherein you furnish information regarding one Charles Tanzosh.

I want to thank you very much for your courtesy and cooperation in submitting this information to the attention of this Bureau. For your information, I am sending a copy of your letter to Commissioner Valentine of the New York City Police Department.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau (with copy of incoming letter)
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A search of the indices of the New York Office discloses no record of Charles Tanzosh.

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C O P Y

4525 Broadway
Union City, N. J.
July 11, 1940.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

For some time I have been considering advising you of the actions of a former co-worker who, to my mind, has been rather suspiciously pro-Nazi. Until now I have felt that perhaps a letter of this sort would be considered a "crank" letter. I've given the matter my careful consideration, however, and consider it my duty as a citizen to offer you the following information and let you judge its value. The World's Fair bombing may also enter in this because the person concerned is violently anti-English and having worked as a guard at the Fair last year might be in the position to know that the fan room of the British Pavilion was as centrally located as the police have remarked.

I am employed by the Baltimore Transfer Co., 37 Fairmount Ave., Jersey City, N. J. as a clerk. Last fall the company employed a freight biller who openly professed active sympathy with Nazi principles in the face of the intense derision of his fellow workers. On Thursday May 28 (Tuesday?), he was discharged for incompetency.

His name is Charles Tanzosh. He lives at 29 Floyd St., West Brighton, Staten Island. He may be reached by phone at his mother's home, GIbraltar 2-5433, or at his mother-in-law's home GIbraltar 2-7185. The first number, preferably.

He is 6'2" tall, weight about 200-210 lbs., clean shaven; dark hair, bald on the top of his head in the form of a tonsure; round shouldered, carrying his head forward of his body; ungainly in his mannerisms; swings his shoulders and his hips in a peculiar, loose manner when he walks, but not effeminately. Is always poorly dressed, the best of his wardrobe, during my acquaintance with him, being tattered. Worked with us as an Underwood Fanfold Biller; knows stenography and uses it at about average speed. Married, father of one child about 2 years old and his wife is expectant.

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When discharged he was eligible for Unemployment insurance in New Jersey. Would probably seek a job as freight biller, free-lance court reporter, or stenographer.

Bonded for the Baltimore Transfer Co. by the New Amsterdam Casualty Co., 60 John St., New York, through their Baltimore, Md. office. In 1939 he worked as a guard or policeman at the New York World's Fair. He has a great interest in the Civil Service and, to my uncertain knowledge, is on the appointment list of the New York City Fire Department and the N. Y. C. Police Department. Also interested in getting a job with the N. Y. Independent Subway.

Spends a lot of time around the City Courts taking notes and talking with lawyers and court attendants. Spent considerable time getting acquainted with policemen. Often talked to a certain policeman stationed at Communipaw Ave. and Hudson Blvd., Jersey City, between 10 and 12 at night. (With our company, his working hours were from 2 P. M. to 10 P. M.).

He was generally believed to be a Bund member because, though he would never admit such a connection, it was found that the easiest way to insult him was to insult the Bund. When asked if he was a member of the Bund he became extremely angry and retorted, "Do I ask you what you belong to?" An ambition which he often expressed was to become a member of Hitler's bodyguard and seemed to believe that he would achieve this honor.

He speaks German and was probably born in Germany.

My suspicions were particularly aroused by his great interest in the highways leading into New York. During his lunch hour he spent his time studying maps of New Jersey. He frequently made stenographic notes while studying the maps. He constantly asked about various Hudson River bridges and tunnels and about features of the highways and, I believe, he spent some time visiting them. Though I am not certain, I believe that he may have ridden on some of our trucks as far as Elizabeth for the purpose of acquainting himself with the roads. This is against company rules but I believe that is they were approached quietly any of our road drivers would readily admit carrying him if such was the case.

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This man is not a particularly intelligent type, but is the kind who would be ready to carry out some one else's orders in detail. He is probably incapable of planning anything but would be an efficient tool in the hands of a superior person. He would be prepared to take any risk to carry out a dangerous mission such as sabotage.

This is the only information I have to offer but if there is any other detail you might wish I will gladly supply it if I can. Though I hope you will treat this communication with confidence I will not hesitate to come forward if anything comes of this.

Should you consider it advisable you might pass this information on to the New York City Police in reference to the World's Fair bombing. I shall leave that to your discretion.

Yours truly,

/s/ Frederic G. Bloesch

Frederic G. Bloesch

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San Francisco, California
July 16, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
New York City

Dear Sir:

For your information, we are enclosing herewith a clipping and an anonymous letter, both forwarded to this office by Mr. Joseph B. Sheridan, City Editor of the San Francisco News, regarding the recent bombing at the New York World's Fair.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

Re: RECENT BOMBING AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR.

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Attention: Lieutenant James Pike, Bomb Squad.

Gentlemen:

I am transmitting herewith an original anonymous letter dated July 5, 1940, together with the envelope in which it was enclosed, postmarked New York, New York, July 15, 1940, which may be of interest to you in connection with the investigation of the bombing at the New York World's Fair on July 4, 1940.

The contents of this letter are quoted below:

"July 5, 1940

J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Mr. Hoover,

For many months I have been convinced of the activities of a family here in my vicinity and I have seen many things that prove their subversive activities. They have two sons and small daughter and Mother and Father - of German extraction. Their sons belong to the Communist group here as well as their neighbor - Gene Cushner who lives on the same street but 4 door north - his father I. Cushner is a Communist but pretends to be a Christian Scientist but he is Not its only a cloak. Watch them.

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Now the Herbert Schmidt, 4020 Rombout Ave. is associated and active with the group who work constantly

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" nights in his cellar and they have made many suspicious looking bombs - and they are very heavy - they are all so active in the unit at 14th St.

Their signal system is very carefully worked out with electric lights and they have contact with every agent over on the opposite side of the obsolete Boston and Westchester R.R. for their house is on this R.R. line (not running) and all foliage is kept trimmed so as the signal to the other side of the track the (Colonial Coal & Oil) is also the center of the works up here (on the Split Rock Rd. & Boston Post Road) the Canal and the barges are unloading supplies there every night and the Dyer Ave. from 233rd St. North is all blind allies and covers for the recent new upholstery store (and cleaner & presser) and the nut mfg. (Vernon Shop) are all Communists.

The upholstery shop man called at the Schmidts house this is his (3) call to my knowledge, and they carried in an out of their house late at night cases of materials and their are all in the group.opposed to U.S. Government - if an acousticon could be placed in their home under their front porch entrance an onside window on the north side one could get the goods on them. They all seemed much worried Sunday day the bomb was placed and 4 of July they never one came out of their house till 6 oclock in evening, and they all looked some scared. The group take their instructions from a man by the name of Tommy. I'll mail his license number next time he calls at the house. Watch the night lights and the Parkway and you will see the 5th line column at work. Mrs. Schmidt's the boss of this district and she knows all there is to know.

I am hundred percent American who loves to see justice done to such as these people. "

For your information, this office has no record of the persons mentioned in this letter, except a record on one Herbert Schmidt in an old wartime file of 1917. However, there is no way of determining whether or not this Herbert Schmidt is identical with the Herbert Schmidt mentioned in the anonymous letter.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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REFERENCE MADE TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BUREAU THIS EVENING CONCERNING ALLEGED BOMB FOUND TONIGHT IN THE MAGNA CARTA ROOM, BRITISH PAVILION, WORLDS FAIR. NEWYORK POLICE ADVISE PREVIOUS REPORT THAT STOCKINGS AND HANDKERCHIEFS IN THIS PACKAGE ERRONEOUS. PACKAGE MEASURES SEVEN AND ONE HALF INCHES BY NINE AND THREE QUARTERS INCHES BY THREE QUARTERS INCHES AND FOUND BY JOHN QUIRK EMPLOYED AS GUARD BRITISH PAVILION AT SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM TONIGHT IN MAGNA CARTA ROOM. PACKAGE MADE UP OF WOMANS STOCKING BOX WRAPPED IN BROWN PAPER HAVING MESSAGE ON OUTSIDE QUOTE WHEN YOU OPEN THIS BOX SEND TO ADDRESS INSIDE - DANKE SCHOEN UNQUOTE - TRANSLATION THANK YOU. - POLICE REMOVED THIS PACKAGE TO REAR OF BRITISH PAVILION WHICH SPCXXX SPACE WAS CLEARED. THEY PLACED FLOODLIGHTS ON THE PACKAGE AND EXAMINED IT UNDER X-RAY. IT WAS OPENED AFTER X-RAY EXAMINATION AND REVEALED THREE SLIPS OF PAPER, TWO SLIPS CONTAINING A MESSAGE IN MORSE CODE. ONE SLIP OF PAPER CONTAINING A MESSAGE IN FLAG SIGNAL CODE. THESE SLIPS OF PAPER HAVE NOT BEEN DECODED AND PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY OF POLICE. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ALL DECODED MESSAGES ON SLIPS OF PAPER AS SOON AS THEY CAN BE OBTAINED. THIS PACKAGE WAS EXAMINED BY DETEDXXXX DETECTIVES HERMAN ROVE AND MORGAN. POLICE ARE PHOTOGRAPHINC AND PROCESSING PACKAGE FOR FINGERPRINTS. PACKAGE WAS EVIDENTLY PLACED IN BUILDING AS A PRANK. SINCE THE FOURTH OF JULY BOMB EXPLOSION NO PERSONS ARE ADMITTED TO

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RE EXPLOSION BOMB FOUND IN BRITISH PAVILION WORLDS FAIR. EXPLOSIVES. SEVERAL ANONYMOUS THREATS RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS RELATIVE TO THREATENED BOMBING OF GAS STORAGE TANKS OF CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY AND NEW YORK STEAM COMPANY NYC OVER WEEK-END. EXTRA GUARDS PLACED OVER THESE LOCATIONS BY NY POLICE DEPARTMENT. LT. JAMES PYKE IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION STATES POLICE LAB EXAMINATION ~~NO XXX~~ NOT COMPLETE THAT HE HAS SEVERAL HUNDRED COMPLAINTS WHICH HE IS ATTEMPTING TO INVESTIGATE BUT HAS NO DEFINITE SUSPECTS TO DATE AND WILL ADVISE NY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS [redacted] REWARD EXPECTED TO BE AUTHORIZED BY CITY OFFICIALS SOMETIME [redacted] THIS [redacted] WEEK.

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Carbon forwarded to Mr. Clegg Mr. Tamm. CC

Tolson - 7-8-40 Mr. Tolson called for Director and advised Mr. Tamm advised CC

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. H. CLEGG

On July 10, 1940, Mrs. W. G. Suter, Metropolitan 0404, #27 H Street, N. W., telephonically contacted this office to give the following information.

On July 1, 1940 while she was eating lunch in the G.P.O. Cafeteria she observed three men, eating in a near-by booth, who appeared to be very suspicious to her. She advised that the first individual, who was round-faced and with small eyes, closely resembled the photograph appearing in the Morning Post of the man being held in New York as a suspect in the bombing of the English Building at the Worlds Fair. She advised the second individual had a badly scarred face and the two men were joined by a third man who carried a gray suitcase. She stated this in itself was unusual, that when the men were talking together she caught phrases such as "getting in without being seen" and "could get all the necessary material at a drug store". Mrs. Suter believed it quite possible that the suitcase contained a bomb and that these men were responsible for the bombing in New York.

Mrs. Suter advised that the individual who resembled the photograph could be described as follows:

Height - 5' 7"
Weight - 140
Age - 35 years
Round Face
Eyes - Grayish Blue

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Mrs. Suter was advised that a record would be made of this information and she was thanked for furnishing the information to the Bureau.

Mrs. Suter advised that she had called this office inasmuch as she was acquainted with Mr McIntire. She was informed this information would be brought to his attention.

Respectfully,

A. H. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPLOSION
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
Explosives

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 18, 1940, in connection with the above entitled matter in which you request that the National Stolen Property File be checked relative to the following described automatic pistols:

6.35 MM Deutsche Werkerfurt Germany 32282
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Werk Erfurt Germany 36801

An appropriate search was made through the National Stolen Property File, and no previous record was disclosed for either of these weapons.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPLOSION OF A BOMB FOUND IN THE BRITISH PAVILION AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, NEW YORK ~~CITY~~
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled case, it is requested that the National Stolen Property File be checked relative to the following described automatic pistols, and the New York Field Office be advised of the results of this search.

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RE EXPLOSION BOMB FOUND BRITISH PAVILION WORLDS FAIR EXPLOSIVES. TIME MECHANISM USED TO EXPLODE BOMB IDENTIFIED BY POLICE LABORATORY AS BEING INGRAHAM AUTOMATIC EIGHT DAY ALARM CLOCK MANUFACTURED BY INGRAHAM COMPANY BRISTOL CONN. THESE CLOCKS CARRY NO SERIAL NUMBERS. CEASAR KROEGER NYPD NUMBER B- ONE NINE ONE NINE ONE SIX THOROUGHLY QUESTIONED BY POLICE BUT NOT IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECT AND BEING HELD BY POLICE FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND POSSIBLE DEPORTATION AS DETERMINED HE IS IN COUNTRY UNLAWFULLY. NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY CARDS NEWYORK OFFICE REFLECT THIS INDIVIDUAL PRO-GERMAN AND SPY SUSPECT, ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] WHO INDICATED HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. NOTHING SPECIFIC TO JUSTIFY CONTENTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. INFORMATION FURNISHED TO NEWYORK FIELD OFFICE BY COMPLAINANTS RE BOMBING BEING CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISHED TO OFFICIALS NEWYORK POLICE DEPT. IN CHARGE INSTANT INVESTIGATION WHO ARE MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE. b7D

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cc - Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg

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INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPLOSION OF A BOMB FOUND IN THE BRITISH PAVILION AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, NEW YORK CITY	EXPLOSIVES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Suitcase observed in Fan Room #7 on top floor British Pavilion, World's Fair, NYC, morning of 7/3/40 by WALTER STRACHAN, foreman of electricians, British Pavilion. Suitcase again observed approximately 3:00 p.m., 7/4/40 by STRACHAN, who inspected same and heard ticking noise. Suitcase taken out of British Pavilion by SIDNEY WOOD, employee, and turned over to Detective FRED MURLOCK, N.Y. PD, assigned to guard British Pavilion who took same to isolated section about 300 yards from British Pavilion; roped off area, and notified Bomb & Forgery Squad, P.D. Suitcase examined by Detectives FERDINAND SOCHA, and JOSEPH LYNCH who cut small hole in side of suitcase and ascertained same was bomb. At this moment, approximately 4:45 p.m., bomb exploded instantly killing LYNCH and SOCHA and critically injuring Detectives WILLIAM FEDERER, MARTIN J. SCHUMAN and JOSEPH GALLAGHER. Clock used in bomb identified from fragments recovered from scene but model and year of manufacture cannot be ascertained. Employees of British Pavilion questioned with negative results. Numerous telephone calls and anonymous letters received by P.D. relative to new bomb threats received by P.D. and all ascertained to be pranks. Information furnished N.Y. Field Office by Confidential Informants and others turned over to N.Y. P.D. $26,000.00 reward presently outstanding for apprehension of persons responsible for this crime. No known suspects or logical suspects developed to date.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Spencer and L. M. Chipman in connection with the bomb found in the British Pavilion, World's Fair, New York, July 4, 1940, and which exploded at approximately 5:30 p.m. on July 4, 1940, while it was being examined in back of the Polish Pavilion killing detectives JOSEPH LYNCH, and FERDINAND SOCHA of the Bomb and Alien Squad, New York Police Department.

This information was furnished to the New York Field Office by the Telegraph Bureau of the New York Police Department.

Special Agent Chipman was telephonically instructed by Assistant Special Agent in Charge T. J. Donegan at 5:30 p.m. on July 4, 1940 to proceed immediately to the World's Fair to conduct appropriate investigation relative to the bombing. Upon arrival at the Fair approximately thirty minutes later, Agent Chipman contacted Captain JAMES B. NOLAN, in charge of the World's Fair Detail of the New York City Police Department, assigned to the 110A Precinct, 5201 - 111th St., Corona, Long Island, New York. Captain NOLAN, who was located at the scene of the explosion, referred Agent Chipman to Detective FRED MORLOCK who was attached to the 103rd Precinct 9101 - 168th Street, Jamaica, and who was assigned to guard the British Pavilion on July 4, 1940.

Detective MORLOCK advised that at approximately 3:15 p.m. on July 4, he was informed by Sergeant LYNCH of the New York Police Department, who was also on special duty guarding the British Pavilion that there was a package appearing to be a bomb located in an alley between the British and Italian Pavilions. MORLOCK proceeded to this location and noticed a small dark gray colored valise with three light gray stripes on each side of it in the alley. Upon examination of the valise he heard a ticking and he immediately carried the valise to the northeast corner of the exposition located approximately 300 yards away from the British Pavilion. He stated that following general police instructions in that type of situation, he blocked off an area of approximately 50 yards in radius from the bomb and after placing appropriate guards to keep the public out of this area, he called the Bomb Squad; that approximately at 4:45 p.m. FERDINAND SOCHA and JOSEPH LYNCH of the Bomb Squad from the Headquarters Office, New York Police Department arrived and began examining the valise. MORLOCK stated that this valise was locked and that SOCHA and LYNCH cut into a corner of it and cut into some wood, and after piercing the wood they next ran into some cardboard. They cut a small hole in the cardboard, and while investigating it, according to MORLOCK, one of the men made the statement that it was a dynamite bomb. After observing the contents, they apparently attempted to open the valise without setting off the bomb at which time it exploded, which was about ten minutes after the arrival of Officers SOCHA and LYNCH of the Bomb Squad, who were immediately killed. Detective MORLOCK stated that he was approximately 20 feet away from the bomb at the time of the explosion; that he first

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noticed a deep orange-red flame, followed immediately by a large volume of very dark smoke. He could not detect any odor following the explosion. He stated that one of the officers who was killed

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Detectives WILLIAM FEDERER, MARTIN J. SCHUCHMAN and JOSEPH GALLAGHER were standing approximately eight or ten feet from the bomb during the examination of it by Officers SOCHA and LYNCH. These three officers were critically wounded, and were immediately taken to the Flushing Hospital at Flushing, Long Island, N.Y. and are presently in a critical condition. There was a plain-clothes officer whose name was not obtainable at the time of the investigation standing on the outside of the fence approximately 15 or 20 feet away and he received minor injuries and is presently in the Flushing Hospital.

Detective MORLOCK advised that the valise was approximately 18 inches long, 12 inches wide and 6 inches deep. He described it as being a practically new, cheap cardboard valise with a dark gray canvas covering and three light gray stripes on each side. The valise opened in the center and was locked with what he described as a cheap tin lock. He stated that it weighed approximately 20 pounds and was heavier at one end than at the other. He said that the ticking continued during the period that he carried it from the alley between the back of the British Pavilion to the northeast corner of the Fair grounds and, so far as he knew, it was also ticking during the examination made by the officers.

The explosion of the bomb blew a hole in the ground where it was lying, approximately 6 feet in diameter and 1½ feet in depth. There were no civilians injured and, so far as is known, no persons other than those abovementioned received injuries as a result of the explosion.

Detective MORLOCK further stated that WILLIAM STRACHAM, foreman of the electricians for the British Pavilion first noticed this valise in Fan Room #7 located on the third floor which was the top floor of the British Pavilion, at approximately 9:15 a.m. on July 3; that STRACHAM thought the valise belonged to one of the employees and he did not examine it; that at approximately 3:00 p.m. on July 4 he entered the Fan Room and examined the valise at which time he heard the ticking and notified SIDNEY G. WOOD who is in

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charge of the uniformed attendants of the British Pavilion. WOOD then examined the valise, noted the ticking, and placed it in the alley between the rear of the British Pavilion and the Italian Pavilion at which place it w as located when he, MORLOCK, carried it to the northeast corner of the Fair grounds.

Agent Chipman, accompanied by Detective MORLOCK, examined Fan Room #7 which had already been checked by the New York Police Department, and it was noted that there was no light in the room, and the examination was made by flashlight. The room contained a wooden work horse and several panes of glass and a water cooler which was not in use and which was merely in the room for storage, and some waste papers and other refuse on the floor.

It was noted that this room was located on the third floor which is the top floor of the British Pavilion, at the head of a winding rotunda. The third floor is used as exhibit rooms for the Social Service and marine exhibits. There is only one entrance to Fan Room #7 which leads off a main hallway and is accessible to any visitors to the third floor of the Pavilion.

Fan Room #7 where the bomb was found is a small room, being approximately 10 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 8 feet high. and it leads into another larger room which contains motors and equipment used in the airconditioning of the Pavilion. Directly underneath Fan Room #7 on the second floor is another storeroom and there are no exhibits or exhibit rooms or offices adjacent to this room.

According to Detective MORLOCK this room is supposed to be kept locked but it was found open by Mr. STRACHAM on July 3 and also on July 4.

The New York Police Department, prior to Agent Chipman's arrival, had gathered up the particles of clothing and other articles found at the scene of the explosion which were in the custody of the Police Department to be taken to their Laboratory for examination. There was a small tree approximately five feet from the scene of the explosion, and this tree together with the portion of the wire fence which had been crumbled as a result of the explosion, was taken to the police Laboratory for examination. Detective MORLOCK stated that there were a number of fragments collected from which it might be possible to determine the nature and mechanism of the bomb.

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WILLIAM STRACHAM who resides at 74-73 Corsa Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. was later interviewed by Agents Spencer and Chipman while he was also being questioned by Assistant District Attorney JAMES McGRATTAN of the District Attorney's office, Queens County, located at Queens Plaza, Long Island City, N.Y.

STRACHAM advised that he was born in New York City and was employed by the British Pavilion as Foreman of electricians during the season of 1939, and since April 1 of this year. He stated that four electricians and two engineers under his supervision had access to the Fan Room where the explosive was found and had official duties to perform there in inspecting and repairing the airconditioning equipment. These names he mentioned as

WALTER COOK	Electrician
HARRY McGANN	Electrician
HUGH RYLANDER	Electrician
AMOS TARDIO	Electrician
WILLIAM WERNER	Engineer
JACK SEALEY	Engineer

He added that he and WILLIAM WERNER had keys to this room but that when the other men abovementioned went into this room they either obtained his key or a key from Mr. BARTON who has charge of the keys to the British Pavilion. In this connection, it was later ascertained that other individuals also had keys and access to this room, and a list of persons known to have keys will be set out hereinafter.

STRACHAM further advised that as he recalls, he visited Fan Room #7 some time on July 1; the exact time not remembered, but that he does not believe he visited the room on July 2; that about 9:30 a.m. on July 3, he entered this room and saw a valise located on the floor of the room against the wall adjoining the room in which the airconditioning equipment is located; that he did not examine the valise or place any significance on it for the reason that he thought it belonged to one of the Social Workers employed on the third floor of the Pavilion or some other employee and that it probably contained lunch or articles of clothing. He stated that while passing the room at approximately 3 p.m. on July 4 he decided to enter the Fan Room to see if the valise was still there, explaining that he recalled seeing the valise the day before and became curious as to whether it was still there. He stated that he found the valise in the same location

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and lifted it, and noticed it appeared to be heavier in one end, which aroused his curiousity; that upon closer inspection he detected a ticking noise in the valise whereupon he placed it on the wooden carpenter's work horse which was in the room, making no effort to open it. He then informed CYRIL RAWLINGS, Finance Officer of the British Pavilion, that the valise was in Fan Room #7 and that something was ticking in it. RAWLINGS advised him to inform Mr. WOOD, and with Mr. WHELAN returned to Fan Room #7 where he left WHELAN in the room while he located Mr. WOOD. He added that WOOD proceeded to the room and carried the valise downstairs.

Mr. STRACHAM further stated that the door to Fan Room #7 is supposed to be kept locked at all times; that, however, he noticed that the door was open when he entered this room on July 3 and also on July 4. He added that there is no floor plan in the building from which the public can ascertain or identify any particular rooms of the Pavilion; further, that he did not see the valise prior to his entrance into the room on July 3. He stated that the lock on the door leading to room #7 is a regular bolt lock which does not lock itself when the door closes. It is necessary to lock the door with a key. He further stated that the exhibit rooms are open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day and that he has seen no one in the vicinity of Fan Room #7 of a suspicious nature nor has he seen anyone in the Pavilion carrying a valise. He further stated that he did not notify anyone on July 3 at the time he first noticed the valise in the room. He added that the airconditioning fans are started by remote control and that it is not necessary for anyone to enter Fan Room #7 every day. The only purpose of employees entering this room is to check the air conditioning equipment and make any necessary repairs.

STRACHAM stated that AMOS TARDIO was on duty on July 3 and may have entered the fan room; further, that WALTER COOK was on duty from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. of July 2. STRACHAM can not remember the other men who may have been on duty without consulting his schedule.

STRACHAM was questioned as to whether he had been advised that the British Pavilion had received an anonymous telephone warning that the Pavilion was going to be blown up and he stated that he had not been informed of this warning until after the explosion occurred. In this connection, Detective JOHN J. KELLY of Special Squad #1, New York Police Department, telephonically advised the New York office on July 3 that at 4:30 p.m.

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on July 1, the British Pavilion at the World's Fair received a telephone call to get everybody out of the building as it was going to be blown up within the next few days. Detective KELLY stated that as in other complaints of this nature, the Police Department had attached a special detail to the British Pavilion and that he would notify the New York office of any subsequent information of value. The results of the interview with the individual who received this warning will be set forth later in this report.

Detective KELLY also advised the New York office that the Italian exhibit at the World's Fair had received a postcard mailed June 30, 1940 advising that at 3:30 p.m. on July 3, a bomb was going to be placed in the exhibit room which bomb would explode on July 4. Detective KELLY stated that Lt. LEGGETT of the New York Police Department contacted the officials of the Italian exhibit and was advised that they would not permit a search of persons entering the building during Fair hours. Detective KELLY stated that a special police detail had been attached to the Italian exhibit at the World's Fair and he would advise the New York office of any subsequent developements.

It will be noted from Mr. STRACHAM'S statement that he claims he was not informed of these warnings and did not know of same until after the bomb had exploded.

Mr. STRACHAM further stated that he and the electricians under his supervision who were employed by the British Pavilion are members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, A. F. of L., Local #3, their headquarters being at 130 East 25th Street, New York City. He stated that there had been no Union disturbance and that no men under his supervision have been discharged this year, and he has no information as to any possible suspects.

SIDNEY B. WOOD, 136-33 39th Avenue, Flushing, N.Y. advised that he is the head of the uniformed attendants and has under his supervision 36 employees; that he is an English subject and has been with the World's Fair continuously since the Fair opened in 1939. He stated that it is the duty of the attendants on both the day and night shifts to make a continuous check of all the rooms in the British Pavilion Building in an effort to keep

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undesirables out of the building and also to watch for any cigar butts or other materials that might cause a fire in the building. He stated that he had been on duty Monday, July 1 subsequent to the date the telephone call was received, warning the people in the building to get out and that shortly after receiving the telephone call he was instructed to make a minute search of the entire premises in an effort to locate the alleged bomb. He stated that every nook and cranny of the building was searched under his supervision and that he personally examined Fan Room #7 and was positive that the valise was not there at the time he checked it.

It might be noted here WOOD was first questioned he was of the belief that the telephone call was received on Tuesday, July 2 at which time he made the search. However, it was later ascertained that he made his search on July 1. He stated that the building is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. during which time his attendants are on duty and that at 10 p.m. at the time the building closes to the public, a careful search is made by the attendants then on duty under his supervision or one of his lieutenants in the event it is his evening off, in order to clear the building of guests and also to watch for any materials left in the building that might be a fire hazard; that all unlocked rooms are checked. He stated that although they are supposed to look into every room, those rooms which are normally locked at all times might be overlooked. He stated that after this search is completed, the attendants leave, the doors are locked, and the building is under continuous guard from the inside by three guards; that some of the doors of the building are opened at 8 a.m. to permit deliveries to be made but that the public is not allowed in the building until 10 a.m. at which time the Pavilion is officially opened to the public. He stated that he, as well as his lieutenants, and Mr. BARTON have keys which will permit entry to Fan Room #7.

WOOD stated that subsequent to his search on July 1, he had noticed nothing which would be of a suspicious nature relative to anyone leaving suspicious-looking packages in the building and tha t on July 4, the day of the explosion, he went to work at 12:30 p.m. at which time he put on his uniform, took a walk around the building and then went to his office where he did some paper work; that approximately at 1:45 p.m. he was informed by STRACHAM that the valise concerned was in Fan Room #7; that he immediately proceeded to this room where he observed this valise and brought it down and informed CYRIL RAWLINGS of the fact

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that it was making a ticking noise and that RAWLINGS immediately instructed him to take it outside of the building which he did and placed it in the alley and immediately called the Police Department. He said that approximately 10 minutes later, Detective FRED MORLOCK contacted WOOD at which time WOOD turned over the valise to him. WOOD was questioned at length by both Special Agent Spencer and by the New York Police Detectives who were present during this interview, in an effort to correlate the time element, inasmuch as WOOD was somewhat definite in placing the time he took the bomb out of the British Pavilion as being 1:45 p.m. while interviews had with Detective MORLOCK indicate that it was shortly after 3:00 p.m.

WOOD advised that shortly after receiving the telephone call he had instructed his guards and attendants to keep a close watch on anyone carrying any packages into the building but that he did not tell them about the fact that these packages might contain a bomb; further, that at the time the telephone call was received, the Police Department of the World's Fair had apparently been notified as a special guard had been placed around the building and detectives who were stationed on this assignment came into the building every two hours checking with him, WOOD, relative to any developments pertaining to a bomb being placed in the building. He stated he is positive that he has seen no one bring a suspcious-looking package into the Pavilion and that his guards have not notified him of such fact if they did observe it.

Mrs. MARJORIE ROSSER of 3715 90th St., Jackson Heights, Long Island, N.Y. who has been a resident of the United States for the past twenty years but still a British subject, stated that she has been employed at the British Pavilion of the World's Fair as a telephone operator during the present season; that her hours of employment are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays; that she had had no prior telephone experience before accepting her present position and that she is not too well acquainted with the operation of a telephone switchboard. She said that about 3:30 p.m. on July 1, a light flashed on her number one trunk line and she answered the telephone and heard a low voice say "Get everyone out of there before the box explodes". Mrs. ROSSER described this conversation as apparently coming from someone who might have been talking to another person in the room rather than talking into the telephone; that the voice she heard was not that of a cultured person and he seemed to be, as

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she described it, talking under his breath; that she is positive she could not identify this voice if she heard it again and she is not positive as to whether or not the voice had any foreign or sectional accent. She stated that about a minute after she received the call, she realized the import of it and immediately talked to a Miss DENNIS who is employed at the British Pavilion and who has had some prior telephone switchboard experience; that she asked Miss DENNIS how one would go about tracing a telephone call; that at this moment Mr. BALDOCK came into the room and asked what they were talking about and she informed him of the conversation and she observed that Mr. BALDOCK immediately looked at his watch and they ascertained the time to be between 3:25 and 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. ROSSER stated that to the best of her recollection, no attempt was made to trace this telephone call and Mr. BALDOCK had communicated with the World's Fair Police and informed them of the call which she had received. She further stated that this is the first time that she has received a call of this type and could not recall ever having received so-called "nut" threats while she was operating the switchboard. She stated that she is quite positive that she did not receive any calls on her telephone switchboard at least a half hour before and a half hour subsequent to the instant telephone message. Mrs. ROSSER advised that she was unaware that a bomb had been placed in the building or that there had been an explosion until she heard same over the radio Thursday evening at which time she was visiting some friends in Staten Island.

WILLIAM H. WERNER, 77-38 74th Avenue, Glendale, Long Island, N.Y. advised that he is one of the airconditioning engineers at the World's Fair and that during the World's Fair season of 1939 he had supervision of, and access to Fan Room #7 which is located in the British Pavilion but that this season, 1940, he had no supervisory capacity over the British Pavilion and for that reason he had not made an inspection of this Fan Room.

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He stated that the first time he was in Fan Room #7 was sometime in May, and that the next time he entered this room was subsequent to the explosion on July 4, 1940, at which time he was accompanied by Detectives of the New York Police Department. He stated that it was his understanding that this door should be locked at all times, but that he had heard on various occasions that doors which were supposed to be locked in the British Pavilion had been left open. He stated that upon inspecting this room on the day of the explosion, he observed some cigar butts, papers and miscellaneous refuse on the floor of same. He further stated that the light in this room was burned out, and that it was necessary to make the inspection with the use of a flashlight.

He further stated that it is the duty of the persons having supervisory capacity over these rooms to see that the light is in working order so that persons making an inspection of same can turn the light on to ascertain if any material which might cause fire or materials which should not be in the room can be located. He stated that due to the location of the Fan Room light that he did not think it would be possible for anyone to see the suitcase by merely opening the door as it was so dark in there it would be necessary to use a flashlight in order to detect same.

It was noted that during the entire time WERNER was being questioned he had a rather antagonistic attitude. He continually referred to negligence on the part of the individual responsible for this room in not having it locked at all times, clean, and having the light in working order.

UNO RYLANDER, 148-42 60th Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, New York, an electrician at the British Pavilion, advised that he was last in Fan Room #7 approximately one week prior to July 4, 1940; that at that time he made an inspection of the fan and noticed that the door was unlocked. He further advised that on previous occasions when he had made an inspection of the Fan Room he had also found the door unlocked and as a matter of fact had never found it necessary to use the key to enter this room.

It should be noted that all of the information appearing above was obtained by Agents Chipman and Spencer while the individuals mentioned were being questioned by Assistant District Attorney JAMES McGRATTAN, Queens County, Queens Plaza, Long Island City, New York at 110A Precinct of the World's Fair Police.

At 12:20 a.m., on July 5, 1940, a Mr. W. F. WARD, Commodore Hotel, telephoned the New York Field Office, and advised that he had some information concerning the bombing at the World's Fair.

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Mr. WARD was interviewed by the writer at the Commodore Hotel at which time he advised that his permanent residence is 215 Draper Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

He stated that at 2:15 p.m. on July 4, 1940, he and his wife were sitting with his brother-in-law, CARL HARRIS, and his wife in front of the United States Building at which time they observed an individual described as age 21 to 25 years; height, 5'4, 6" or 7"; weighing 200 lbs., heavy build, medium complexion, foreign appearance, wearing a two-tone grey suit, and no hat coming towards them. This individual was carrying a small leather grip, a description of which Mr. WARD or his wife could not give. This individual asked them, "Where is the English Building?" Mr. WARD advised that he had just come from the English Building, knew its location and pointed in the general direction; that this unknown individual walked hastily in the direction of the English Building. Mr. WARD advised that his particular attention was attracted to this individual, and the manner in which he carried this grip. As he described it, "He carried it away from him, like it had eggs in it."

He stated that he paid no particular attention to this individual or the way he carried the grip until he later heard that a bomb had been found at the British Pavilion, and he thought that this information might be of benefit in the investigation of this case. He stated that he was in the British Pavilion between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., on July 4, 1940, but he could not recall seeing anything suspicious that happened at that time nor did he recall seeing the above-referred to individual in the pavilion during the time he was there.

The above information was furnished to the Bomb and Forgery Squad of the New York Police Department, but they discounted it, stating that it was their opinion that the bomb had been in the World's Fair at least prior to July 3, 1940.

JOHN STRASSER, 30 West 53rd Street, New York City, a known Communist, was picked up for questioning by the New York City Police Department on July 5, 1940, and was questioned in the office of Captain JAMES DUNNELLY of the Bomb and Forgery Squad, Broome and Centre Street New York City.

The indices of the New York Field Office indicate that this individual has been reported to this office on occasions concerning his Communistic activities, and although no investigation has been conducted, information relative to him is contained in New York Office file [redacted] b3 b7E

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This file consists of memoranda setting out STRASSER'S Communistic leanings.

The writer and Special Agent Leroy H. Barnard were present during the interrogation of STRASSER which was conducted by Captain JAMES DONNELLY, New York Police Department. During this interrogation STRASSER advised that he was forty-seven years of age, was a naturalized citizen, and was born in Schoenbrunn Niederbayarn, Germany; that he was a member of the German Army during the last World War, and during the last year of the war was in aviation school, and shortly before the consummation of same, had been given a pilot's license, and had made several flights. He stated that he came to the United States in 1921; that he was married; that his wife's name is ANNE, and that he has a daughter, MEDEA, who is eighteen years of age, and a recent graduate of the Julia Richman High School, 68th Street and Second Avenue, New York City; that from 1927 until 1932, he had been employed in New York City as a waiter in various restaurants, and that he had saved a considerable amount of money, and in 1932 returned to Germany where he had intended to buy a farm, and live for the rest of his life.

He stated that due to chaotic conditions under the Hitler Regime, he was unable to do the things he wanted, and that for this reason he returned to the United States. He is presently running a rooming house at 30 West 53rd Street, New York City, which consists of 18 rooms.

He admitted that he is a member of the Communist Party, Section 20 of New York City, and that he has been such a member since 1933, but denied that his wife or his daughter were connected with the Party. He also admitted membership in the German Workers Club, 1851 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and also being a member of the International Workers Union, and the Labor Defense League. He was thoroughly questioned relative to his activities from July 1 to July 4, 1940, but vehemently denied any participation in any aspect of the bombing and after the questioning, he was released by the Police Department.

CAESAR KROEGER, New York City Police Department #B191916, 128 West 81st Street, was arrested by detectives from the 68th St. Precinct, New York City Police Department for unlawful possession of firearms on July 5, 1940. At the time of his arrest detectives found a 6.35 milimeter automatic pistol, described as Deutsche Werkerfurt, Germany, Serial #32282 ortgies patent, and a 9 milimeter German automatic pistol, described as Serial #36801, Deutsche-Ortgies, patent Werke Aktiengesellschaft Werk, Erfurt. KROEGER was charged with violation of the Sullivan law, and after his appearance in the police lineup at 240 Centre Street on July 6, 1940, he was brought to the office of Lieutenant JAMES PYKE where he was thoroughly questioned relative to his background and his possible implication in the instant bombing.

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The writer and Special Agent Barnard were present during the questioning of this suspect and KROEGER advised that he was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1902, and came to the United States in 1923, as a steward aboard the S. S. Manchuria; that he jumped ship when the Manchuria landed in New York and stayed in this city working as a machinist for a packing machine company on Vestry Street in New York City. Later he went to Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he obtained employment as a machine hand at Mesta Machine Company, and also was employed by the Westinghouse Electric Company of East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He stated he then returned to New York, and due to the lack of work in machine shops he turned his hand to house painting; that he was employed as a housepainter for various concerns in New York, and that in 1929 he returned to Germany where he visited his parents at Goeben Strassa, Hamburg; that after he had been there a couple of months he was walking along one of the streets in Hamburg, and was wounded in the side by machine gun bullets during a fight between the Communists, and the local police. He stated that he was not a member of any faction during this time, but was merely an innocent bystander. He stated sometime in the early part of 1930, he returned to the United States where he was engaged in the painting business, and lived at various addresses in Yorkville, New York. He stated that he became affiliated with the German-American Bund sometime in 1931, and was an ardent supporter of their cause until the information concerning FRITZ KUHN'S irregularities with the Bund's funds came to his attention at which time he withdrew from the Bund and attempted to obtain information substantiating the charges made against KUHN.

He stated that he was successful in substantiating these causes from private sources, and as a result he has been very active in denouncing the Bund's activities, and as such, has numerous enemies among the Bund members, and other Germans, who are admirers of the Bund's activities. He was closely questioned relative to his activities from July 1, 1940, to the time of the bombing, but denied any complicity in this crime. He freely admitted that he was illegally in this country, and signed a statement to that effect.

Lieutenant PYKE, who was in charge of this investigation, advised that this matter would be brought to the attention of the Immigration Officials, and that subsequent to his trial on the Sullivan Act, that charges concerning his deportation would no doubt be instigated.

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York Field Office reflects this individual as "Pro-German and Spy Suspect, according to Confidential Informant, [redacted] who indicated he had no additional information." The New York files reflect no further information on this individual. b7D

It was later ascertained from Detective JUTSIE of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department that KROEGER is presently being held in default of $10,000.00 bond for appearance in the Court of General Sessions relative to the violation of the Sullivan Act in connection with the two guns found in his apartment at the time of his arrest, and that the Alien Division is serving a warrant for his arrest, and that should KROEGER be dismissed from the Sullivan Act charges, the Alien Squad would be immediately notified at which time the Alien warrant would be served on him, and he would be turned over to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization for possible deportation.

On July 6, 1940, Lieutenant PYKE informed the writer that the Technical Research Laboratory had definitely ascertained the type of clock used in the bomb. He stated that from the fragments obtained at the scene of the crime, they ascertained that this clock was an eight-day Ingraham Automatic Alarm clock, manufactured by the Ingraham Company of Bristol, Connecticut. He further advised that through this company they ascertained that 2500 of these clocks are manufactured each day, and that the only identifying mark in these clocks is a nut with a scratch mark on it which designates the model and year, that it was manufactured, but that these clocks do not carry any serial number.

Lieutenant PYKE further advised that this identifying nut had not been located among the fragments picked up at the scene of this crime.

On July 9, 1940, an individual who refused to give his name, but stated he was employed in a music store, 108 East 14th Street, New York, telephonically communicated with the New York Field Office, and stated that he had some information that might be beneficial to the investigation of the bombing at the World's Fair. This individual was ascertained to be JACK GRABOFF, an employee of the Square Music and Sports Shop, 108 East 14th Street.

He was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent Barnard and related that between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on July 4, 1940, an individual described as being between 45 and 47 years old; height 5' 9" to 10", weight, 160 lbs., light hair, light complexioned, wearing glasses, of slender build, and having a definite German accent, came into the store, and purchased a pair of white duck pants.

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This individual was carrying a small brown canvass bag of the zipper type and one of the handles of same had been torn off, and the seam along the zipper had been torn due to the size of the package that was contained therein.

GRABOFF stated that he succeeded in selling this individual a new bag, a duplicate of which he exhibited to agents and it is described as being 18" by 9" by 12" with a grey herringbone canvass construction with two vertical black leather stripes. These bags were manufactured by the Durotex Manufacturing Company. The bag was of the zipper type. He stated that his suspicions were aroused when this individual attempted to put the old bag into the new one, but was unsuccessful, and that after lying both bags on the counter, the individual went to look at some other items in the store, and GRABOFF attempted to put the old bag in the new one. He stated that upon lifting the old bag, he noticed that it weighed approximately twenty-five or thirty lbs., and he was unsuccessful in getting it into the new bag; that he started to open the old bag up in order to better enable him to put the contents into the new bag at which time the unknown individual ran over to where he was standing, put his hands over the old bag, so as not to enable GRABOFF to see the contents. GRABOFF stated that he thought because of the weight of the package, and the suspicious nature of his customer, that this information might be of benefit in locating the person responsible for this crime.

From the investigation conducted to date by the Police Department, they are of the opinion that the bag used in the bombing, was of a rigid type construction, and had been in the British Pavilion since some time prior to July 3, 1940. However, this information was supplied to Lieutenant PYKE for whatever value he might place on this investigation.

On July 6, 1940, Confidential Informant [redacted] telephonically advised the New York Field Office that he had some information concerning the bombing at the World's Fair, and suggested that an agent interview him. On this date Confidential Informant [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent Leroy Barnard at which time he advised that JOE FLEMING who works as a ticket agent for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, 96th Street and Seventh Avenue and his brother, PAT FLEMING, who lives in New Jersey, with P. J. GRAHAM, who resides on 96th Street, and works for some radio concern, together with his brother, FRANK GRAHAM, who also works for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, might be possible suspects in this case. b7D

He stated that JOE FLEMING is believed to be in constant communication with the German Government, and that PATRICK FLEMING is a bomb expert; that both JOE and PAT served a three-year sentence for bombing

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projects in Ireland, and that another brother, believed to be MICHAEL, is presently in jail in Liverpool, England on a bombing charge. Further, that P. J. and FRANK GRAHAM are intimate friends of the FLEMING boys, and that the GRAHAMS were also arrested in Ireland for bombing and were incarcerated there for some time.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that he had no definite information that these individuals were responsible for the bombing at the World's Fair, but thought that due to their past experience they would be capable of both manufacturing and placing such an infernal machine. b7D

This information was confidentially furnished to Lieutenant JAMES A. PYKE, however the source of same was not revealed. Lieutenant PYKE advised that he would treat this information confidential, and would take the necessary steps to check it.

On July 7, 1940, an individual, who advised that he resided at 1057 Jackson Avenue, New York, telephonically communicated with the New York Field Office, and advised that ARTHUR F. DIECKMAN, 1066 Jackson Avenue might be a likely suspect in this case. He stated that this individual, who was described as 6', age 50, light hair, round face, and a slight droop to the left shoulder, had been working in his cellar, at 1066 Jackson Avenue for approximately two weeks prior to the bombing; that he, DIECKMAN left his address on Monday evening, July 1, 1940, with a suspicious looking package, and a small suitcase; that this individual is a member of the Bund, and the Christian Front, and for this reason he believed him to be possibly connected with this crime.

In connection with this name it might be noted that DIECKMAN appears in the file #61-537, which is the BIFRONT, and it is indicated that DIECKMAN was interested in the showing of the picture, "Golgatha" in the Bronx, and that while this picture was being shown in this section of New York, he had opened a checking account where he was a co-signer, and kept a record of the receipts and disbursements in connection with the showing of this film.

This information was also supplied to the Bomb Squad of the New York Police Department as coming from a confidential source.

On the evening of July 6, 1940, the Detective Bureau of the New York Police Department, advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge T. J. Donegan that a package purporting to be a bomb was found in the Magna Charta room of the British Pavilion.

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The writer was apprised of this by Assistant Special Agent in Charge Donegan and he immediately proceeded to 110A Precinct of the World's Fair Station where Detective HERMAN ROVE and Detective MORGAN were interviewed. They stated that at 7:45 p.m., July 6, 1940, JOHN QUIRK, an attendant at the British Pavilion, who resides at 324 East 122nd Street, called the Detective Bureau at the World's Fair, and advised that he found a package on the counter of the Magna Charta Room, which was described as being 7½" x 9 3/4" by 3"; that detectives ROVE and MORGAN immediately proceeded to the Magna Charta room where they took this package, brought it in back of the Polish Pavailion which was the scene of the previous bombing. This package was inspected with a portable x-ray machine, and it was noted that it did not contain any explosive or any mechanism that might resemble a bomb; that same was opened and examined and was found to be a woman's stocking box wrapped in brown paper with pencil notation, "When you open this box, send to address inside", and the word, "Danke Schone" (translation - thank you); that on the inside of this package were three slips of paper, two with some dots and dashes which purported to be Morse code messages. The other slip of paper contained a message in flag signal code.

Detective ROVE advised the writer that Lieutenant PYKE had left the Precinct Headquarters at 111th and 51st Avenue just prior to the writer's arrival, and that he took the box, and the contents with him where it was to be examined by the Police Department Research Laboratory.

The writer later interviewed Lieutenant PYKE with regard to this package and he advised that the best decoding they were able to obtain is, "This package is from Secret Agent 9."

He stated that due to the tremendous volume of work that they had in attempting to locate the perpetrator of the actual bombing, that they were not considering any investigation in this prank at the moment.

On July 7, 1940, CHARLES A. DEJEAN, Apartment 1C, 4515 42nd Street, Long Island City, was interviewed in the New York Field Office by Special Agent J. J. Keating, and he stated that he was a bartender at the cocktail lounge of the French Pavilion during the 1939 World's Fair, but that he was unable to obtain employment at the fair this year because of the fact that he refused to go to France to join the French Army. He stated that approximately June 1, 1940, two German men

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who are in possession of Swiss credentials, obtained jobs as waiters at the French Pavilion, and that these men are presently residing at 4515 42nd Street, Long Island City. He stated that up until the day of the World's Fair bombing they were driving a 1940 Buick Sedan; that this car had Florida license plates, and a Miami identification tag, and that prior to the bombing he had heard them working in their apartment at which time the shades were drawn; that on Monday night, July 1, 1940, he saw these individuals bring a black suitcase into the apartment building, and that although he did not observe these individuals going out later, the Buick automobile disappeared Tuesday morning, July 2, 1940, and he has not seen it since that time.

He stated that he is positive that these individuals are German citizens, and further that the superintendent of the above-mentioned apartment is Pro-Nazi, and a follower of Hitler. He stated that he believed from the suspicious actions of the two German individuals above mentioned that they might be responsible for the crime which was committed July 4, 1940, at the World's Fair.

This information was furnished to Lieutenant PYKE of the Bomb and Forgery Squad, New York City Police Department. On July 8, 1940, Lieutenant PYKE informed the writer that his department was in receipt of several anonymous threats over the weekend concerning the contemplated bombing of the gas storage tanks of the Consolidated Edison Company and of the New York Steam Company, New York City; that he had extra guards placed at these locations, but that no attempt had been made to bomb these places, nor had any suspicious persons been observed by the detectives assigned for this purpose.

He further advised that his office is receiving complaints both anonymous and well founded, at the rate of approximately one hundred and fifty a day, and are presently reaching proportions where it is necessary for his department to attempt to evaluate the complaints. At the time the more or less well founded ones are investigated by the members of his department, and the others are being sent to the various precincts throughout the Greater New York, where they are being investigated by detectives and officers of these precincts.

He further advised that his men had been on continuous twenty-four hour duty since the explosion, and that he contemplated receipt of a sergeant, and an additional ten detectives to work exclusively on this case. He stated that it would probably be necessary to work his men on twelve-hour shifts until further notice.

He also advised that the Board of Estimates is contemplating offering a $25,000.00 reward for the capture of the individual responsible

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for this crime.

The New York Office is in receipt of an anonymous letter dated at Brooklyn, New York, July 5, 1940, which in brief requests an investigation of one O. FISHER, 1175 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, New York for the reason that while at the World's Fair on July 4, 1940, this individual was alleged to have stated "That's nothing we have anyhow to many cops a couple less or more and we don't need any British Pavilion here."

It is apparent that the writer of this letter followed this individual from the World's Fair to the above mentioned address, 1175 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, where the anonymous complainant made some inquiries which led him to identify this suspect as O. FISHER, 1175 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

This information was furnished to Lieutenant PYKE of the Bomb and Forgery Squad by the writer.

On July 8, 1940, the New York Field Office was in receipt of an anonymous communication from some individual who signed this communication, "Port Ivory, S.I.N.Y. B/Y". This communication requested that FRANK BOJES and his wife be investigated in connection with the bombing as the anonymous complainant had seen them leaving home yesterday (date unknown), carrying a hand bag, similar to the one described in the bombing; further, that FRANK BOJES and his wife are leaders in the Bund, and that FRANK works for Procter & Gamble.

On this same date an anonymous communication, signed by "Fair Emplyee", was received at the New York Office, which intimated that the barber shop in the basement of the Administration (apparently building) is a center of Italian and Anti-British sentiment; that conversations have been overheard to the effect that the British Pavilion would be closed before the Italian Pavilion; that working out of this barber shop are several young Italian shoeshine boys who make the rounds of other buildings, and have access to many places where the general public could not get to.

On July 7, 1940, JOHN DREW was interviewed at the New York Field Office, where he advised that he is a permanent resident of Ithaca, New York, but is temporarily employed with the Public Service Commission for the State of New York, engaged in auditing books of the Westchester Lighting Company and that he is temporarily residing at 112 Cottage Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, and that this address is a rooming house operated by C. A. CHILDRESS and wife; that both of these individuals are extremely

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Pro-Nazi, and express their admiration of HITLER, and that during a conversation which was had subsequent to the bombing at the World's Fair, CHILDRESS remarked "We didn't do as good as we expected". DREW stated that because of this remark and of the Pro-Nazi leanings of the CHILDRESS' that they might be possible suspects.

DREW further advised that CHILDRESS and one GILLERMAN, a German who also resides at 112 Cottage Avenue, are very intimate and receive voluminous literature from 17 Battery Place, which is the address of the German Consulate, and also the Library of German Information.

The two above mentioned anonymous letters, and the information supplied by JOHN DREW were furnished to the New York Police Department by letter under date of July 9, 1940.

On July 10, and 11, the following anonymous communications were received by the New York Field Office.

1. Letter which bears no date, and is unsigned, which reflects information concerning CAESAR KROEGER, indicating that around five years ago the anonymous complainant received a shipment of dried beef from MARX, METZGEREI UND RAUSCHEREI, CHURWALDEN, CANTON of Grisons, Switzerland, which was packed in a tin or iron container, the size of a loaf of bread, and shaped not unlike a rural mail delivery box; that KROEGER seeing the container, asked the complainant to give it to him, which the complainant did, stating that the chances were that KROEGER, if he had something to do with the bombing might have used part of this container and fashioned the bomb.

2. An undated communication signed, "A Citizen", which is a typical nut complaint requesting that close watch be kept on boy on bycicle, wearing glasses, 5' tall, and wearing blue pants and green sweater, black hair; that he looks very mysterious and suspicious because the complainant is a good judge of people; that this suspect is technically inclined and is studying the electric business.

3. An undated communication signed, "The man who knows", requesting that Mr. BARIE, 762 Courtland Avenue, Bronx, be asked concerning this bomb, and indicating that BARIE probably did not place the bomb, but that he knows who committed this dreadful crime; that BARIE is a most fanatic member of the Bund and is a "go-between" of that organization; that BARIE is a member of the "Deutscher Marine Verein" (German Navy Club), which is nothing but a branch of the Bund; that he boasted recently after the explosion

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of the German Consulate that this dirty trick was done by the British and that they will suffer therefor within a short time and see their Pavilion at the Fair go into the air much higher than the German Consulate has gone up.

4. An undated communication signed, "One trying to help", which requests that an immediate checkup be made of the two German fellows that jumped the Bremen before it sailed a few months ago; that they have quite a large sum of money on their persons, and do the rounds of First Avenue beer gardens from 83rd Street to 86th Street; that they slink in and out like trapped rats and took in the World's Fair on many occasions; that a check should be made of MAC WILLIAMS' partners statement of last Friday night at 85th Street, and First Avenue when a couple of fellows booed him "Two cops are dead for less than you are doing and you don't know how you will die"; also, that eyes should be kept peeled on the Astoria Hotel at the downtown side of 86th Street and Third Avenue.

The following names were supplied by Confidential Informant [redacted] on July 8, 1940, as persons who might possibly have something to do with instant bombing although there was no concrete proof of same. b7D

ARTHUR F. DIECKMAN, 1066 Jackson Avenue, New York City
ECKART, 1066 Jackson Avenue, New York City
MARTIN TEELEY, 1057 Jackson Avenue, New York City
GEORGE PITZEN, 1064 Jackson Avenue, New York City
ARTHUR FROLICH, 1063 Jackson Avenue, New York City

It might be herein noted that ARTHUR DIECKMAN'S name was supplied previously by an anonymous complainant.

On July 8, 1940, CLAYTON HOLLINGER, Agent in Charge of the Division of Investigation, Works Progress Administration, telephonically communicated with the New York Field Office, and advised that they were in receipt of a letter pertaining to the bombing at the World's Fair, and believed that possibly this letter had been misdirected.

On this date, the writer interviewed Mr. A. LEWIS at 80 Eighth Avenue, which is the office of the Bureau of Investigation, Works Progress Administration, who gave the writer the above referred to letter. This letter is dated July 7, 1940, and is on

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the stationery of J. F. WELLS, Certified Public Accountant, 46-27 259th Street, Great Neck, New York, Telephone - Imperial 1510. This letter is directed to the United States Government, Bureau of Investigation, 80 8th Avenue, New York, New York, and is as follows:

"If you will send a representative to see me, perhaps I can give you some help re: Bombing at New York World's Fair on Thursday, July 4th."

It is signed, MARY E. WELLS (MRS. J. F. WELLS).

On July 10, 1940, Confidential Informant [redacted] informed the writer that an employee, one EDDIE of the Stock Study Project of the Works Progress Administration, fourth floor, 825 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., was a possible suspect in this case in view of his suspicious conduct. Informant stated that EDDIE is described as thirty-five to forty years of age; 5' 7-8"; black bushy hair; ruddy complexion; weight 115 lbs; thin build, and that his residence is in the vicinity of the Seamen's Union, which is located on 23rd Street, New York City. This EDDIE has a book of tickets to the World's Fair and has been there on numerous occasions since the Fair opened this year usually over the weekends; that he continually remarked of his visits to the British Pavilion, and that his attitude is definitely Anti-British, and he has indicated that the British are the cause of all the trouble in the World. Informant stated that about a month ago he was given a French clock which is presently being repaired, and that shortly after receiving this clock he told EDDIE about it, and that EDDIE remarked, "Will this clock run for eight days?" He further advised that on Tuesday, July 2, 1940, EDDIE asked him where he could check a bag, and indicated that he wanted to check it someplace that made a specialty of checking bags; that on Wednesday, July 3, 1940, EDDIE came to work at the usual time, 9:00 a.m. and that some time around noon, EDDIE showed the informant a key and indicated that he had checked the bag in the IRT Subway Station, exact location unknown prior to coming to work that morning, and that EDDIE left the Project at approximately 5:00 p.m. on July 3 and went to Peekskill, New York for a holiday; that EDDIE returned to the Project, Monday, July 8, 1940, at which time he stated in a conversation concerning the bombing at the World's Fair that the persons responsible for this crime should be chopped in little pieces.

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Informant stated that in view of his previous Anti-British feeling, the circumstances surrounding the clock, and the checking of the grip, that this information might be beneficial in

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the investigation of this case.

The above anonymous communications, and information supplied by Confidential Informant [redacted], Mrs. WELLS, and Confidential Informant [redacted], were furnished to the New York Police Department by letter dated July 11, 1940.

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On July 9, 1940, the following information was supplied by Confidential Informant, [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau.

OSCAR BIER, SR., 38-17 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, Long Island, born in Germany, is an ardent follower of HITLER, and a member of the Nazi organization; so also are his three sons born in the United States, but brought up on the doctrine that the Germans are a superior race meant to rule other races. For these reasons, Confidential Informant's attention was called to this family some time ago. Confidential Informant advised that a few days prior to July 9, 1940, he learned that BIER with his father, and brothers was working late at night in their garage. Inasmuch as Mrs. BIER, JR., was unable to learn from her husband in spite of her insistance, what they were doing in the garage at night, and was told to keep away from the garage, she confided to her Czech friend, informant, that for a long time she has been living in fear that her husband's night work in the garage is something unlawful. Mrs. BIER, JR. is of Czech descent.

Confidential Informant has ascertained that OSCAR BIER is an independent upholsterer, whose address is a large private house near Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, Long Island, whose reputation as a business man is excellent, and his work firstclass.

Confidential Informant especially calls attention to this family since father and sons have often stated they intend to go to Germany as soon as HITLER is victorious. Due to the reliability of this informant, this matter was discussed with Special Agent in Charge B. E. SACKETT, and it was decided that inasmuch as something other than evidence concerning the bombing at the World's Fair might be located at this residence, that the writer immediately notify Lieutenant PYKE and make arrangements to accompany whatever detectives were assigned to cover this investigation for the purpose of observing whatever evidence might be uncovered by members of this detail.

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Lieutenant PYKE was not available and inasmuch as this investigation would be conducted in the vicinity of the World's Fair, Lieutenant LIGGETT, 110A Precinct, which is across from the World's Fair, who is in charge of the investigation in the vicinity of the World's Fair, was notified of the information supplied by informant [redacted] and he assigned Detectives WILLIAM JACKSON, PHILIP CURTIN and FRED TRUMPF of the 110A headquarters to conduct the investigation at 38-17 Little Neck Parkway, and the writer accompanied them to this residence. b7D

Upon arriving at this residence, Detective JACKSON interviewed OSCAR BIER, and advised BIER that he was a member of the New York Police Department, and wanted to look around his premises. Mr. BIER offered him his complete cooperation, and the investigation was started. It is noted that these premises consist of a large eight-room stucco home, and adjacent to this home is a two-story building. The ground floor is used as a garage and storage room for Mr. BIER'S upholstery business, and the top floor is used as a work shop by Mr. BIER, and consists of numerous bins in which there are stored upholsterer's hair, cotton fabrics, miscellaneous material for carrying on upholsterer's business.

It was also observed that there were various upholsterer's nuts, tacks, chair springs, finished chairs, and various other materials that would normally be found in a work shop of this kind. It was also observed that Detective CURTIN took samples of upholsterer's hair, pieces of twine, burlap coverings, brass and steel tacks, which were marked for identification.

There was observed in the rear of these premises a building approximately 30' x 20' and the detectives, the writer, and Mr. BIER proceeded to this building and it was observed that half of this building was used as a garage, and the other half as a machine shop. Mr. BIER stated that his son, WALDEMAR, was a foreman at the National Electrotype Company which is located on West 45th Street, New York City, and that all the equipment in this machine shop was the property of his son, WALDEMAR, and that this shop was used by WALDEMAR as a hobby.

In this shop were observed a six feet electric lathe, a coal stove, approximately one ton, used metal parts, most of which were approximately one to six inches in diameter, and which Mr. BIER stated were scraps of iron that his son had either found or purchased, and that they were used in making various parts for boats and marine engines. There were also observed numerous cans

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which contained graphite and other steel polishing materials, nuts and bolts, of all sizes anddescription, a complete set of machinist tools, various odd tools such as micrometers, calipers, and tools such as would be owned by a high grade machinst. There were also observed four alarm clocks which did not appear to have been tampered with recently, several boxes containing miscellaneous cogs and wheels, which had the appearance of having been part of an alarm clock and also a piece of steel which was unquestionably at one time a clock spring. There were also observed numerous marine parts such as revision per minute indicators, speedometers, one partially assembled item which had the appearance of being an indicator for a gas meter, six pairs of skis, one motorcycle, various pieces of sodering iron and miscellaneous pieces of conduit wire of various sizes.

In the rear of this machine shop a twenty-five foot inboard motor boat, two canoes, and one old hull approximately thirty-five feet long were observed.

Upon observing the numerous articles in the machine shop, Detective JACKSON stated that he was of the opinion that rather than take samples of the hundred odd specimens that were in the machine shop, that he would contact the Bomb and Forgery Squad, and ascertain it if was advisable to send a technician from the Technical Research Laboratory to observe the various items in the machine shop.

Subsequently, Detective PETE HIAS of the Bomb and Forgery Squad and Detective EDWARD FAGAN and EMANUEL MATHELEM of the Technical Research Laboratory, 240 Centre Street, New York, arrived at 38-17 Little Neck Parkway, and there made a minute check of all the items in this machine shop, at which time Detective FAGAN took samples of the shavings in the lathe, and on the work bench and numerous samples of the various types of wire and some pieces of metal, all of which he marked for identification.

The stove was examined and it was found that numerous pieces of wire had been placed in the stove, and were partially burned. There were also found several pieces of steel, glass and several pieces of unidentifiable material all of which were taken and marked for identification. It was also noted that several cog wheels and other portions of dismantled clocks were taken by Detective FAGAN.

Both Detectives WILLIAM JACKSON and EDWARD FAGAN were questioned by the writer after the conclusion of the search and they

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advised that no tangible evidence had been found although they would make an examination in the laboratory of the specimens that they had obtained in an effort to ascertain if they were identical with any of the fragments that had been obtained at the scene of the crime, and that they would immediately notify this office in the event that they made an identification.

It was ascertained that OSCAR BIER is sixty-four years of age, was born in Alsace-Lorraine. He first came to the United States in 1902, and his two sons OSCAR JR, 36 years of age, and ERNEST, 31 years of age were born in this country. He subsequently returned to Alsace-Lorraine where his two sons, WALDEMAR, 30 years of age and IRWIN, 29 years of age were born. He stated that he returned to the United States in 1921, and has lived in this country ever since. He is an American citizen, and is not a member of the Bund.

It was ascertained that WALDEMAR, his son, would not return home that evening as he was attending a ski club meeting in Yorkville. Arrangements wer made with the detective working on this case to interview WALDEMAR at a later date concerning any implication he might have with instant crime.

It might be stated that immediately after the castrophe, a $1,000.00 reward was offered by the Detectives Benevolent Association and on July 9, 1940, the Board of Estimates, New York City, authorized a $25,000.00 reward for the apprehension of the persons responsible for this bombing.

On July 5, 1940, the writer and Special Agent Barnard interviewed JOHN RYAN, Assistant Chief Inspector of the New York City Police Department at his office at 240 Centre Street, New York, at which time Mr. RYAN was advised of the Bureau's cooperative attitude in connection with this case, and he was informed that any information coming to the attention of the Bureau will immediately be turned over to him for his consideration.

It was diplomatically suggested that the New York Field Office be advised of the pertinent developments in this case and that the official photographs and a copy of the technical laboratory reports relative to their examination of the fragments recovered at the scene of the crime, be furnished this office. Mr. RYAN expressed gratitute for the cooperative spirit shown and stated that Lieutenant PYKE of the Bomb and Forgery Squad was in direct charge of this investigation, and requested that he be interviewed

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at any time for any information desired by this Bureau.

Lieutenant JAMES PYKE was subsequently interviewed, and he stated that he would be grateful for any assistance furnished by the New York Field Office, and that he would immediately communicate with this office in the event any information of value came to his attention. Further, that he would make an effort to secure the photographs and laboratory report for the Bureau as soon as same were completed.

It might be noted in this regard that Lieutenant PYKE has advised that there are at the present time over 2,000 complaints, and due to the necessity of members of his squad being present at funeral services, this would materially interfere with the supervision of this investigation, but that he would make every effort to comply with the Bureau's request as soon as he found it physically possible to do so.

It might be also stated that Lieutenant PYKE has advised the writer of the numerous crank threats that have come to his attention, and Lieutenant LEGGETT and the other detectives assigned to 110A Precinct, and who are covering the World's Fair leads in this case, have been most cooperative.

Telephone calls are being rece ved at the New York Field Office and they are being furnished to the New York Police Department.

The Bureau has been advised by teletype under dates of July 4, 5, 6, and 8, 1940, of the pertinent developments in this case, and instant case is assigned to the writer who will keep in close contact with Lieutenant PYKE for any pertinent developments in this case, and will advise the Bureau immediately concerning any important developments.

Lieutenant PYKE advised that numerous members of the Christian Front, Communists, Bund Members and known radicals had been questioned but no definite or logical suspects have been developed to date.

The Police Department is in daily receipt of information relative to suspicious packages and suitcases observed by individuals in various parts of the city which necessitates members of the Bomb Squad handling these situations. Due to this added work, Detective Sergeant CHARLES BIEKE has been assigned to the Bomb Squad and is second in command of this department. Ten additional detectives have been assigned to

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the Bomb Squad, and at the present time twelve detectives are kept in the squad room at all times and they answer all calls regarding suspicious packages believed to contain bombs.

There are no leads being set out, however, this case is being carried in a pending status.

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